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Baghdad bows to the gun

Clinton claims **SUCCESS** as Iraqis 'leave Irbil'

Mariam Shahin in Baghdad and Martin Walker

an end to the Iraqi crisis last night, even as tery air de-fences fired into the sky at what they claimed were allied planes. The Pentagon denied

near the city.

A series of explosions set nerves jangling throughout President Saddam Hussein's capital last night. Iraq claimed it was a US missile attack, but the Americans were quick to blame panicky Iraqi gunners rather than US ordnance. "It's not us," the Pentagon said.

Office, President Clinton an nounced that the US could now confirm that Iraqi forces were making "significant withdrawals" from around the Kurdish city of Irbil which they occupied last weekend, thus precipitating Operation Desert Strike. "Our mission has been

achieved," Mr Clinton said suggesting with relief that he hoped the crisis could be ending after two days of cruise missile strikes. This has changed the strategic

Triggering memories of the Desert Storm air bombardment of five years ago, the Baghdad air defence barrage sent civilians hurrying to shelter yesterday during aerial clashes in the newly extended no-fly zone over south-



This photograph released by the Iraqi media shows women and children in front of a house in southern Iraq allegedly destroyed by US air strikes

air to ground missile after an early morning flight of 17 cruise missiles were launched to finish the attempted destruction of southern air defences begun on Tuesday.

Residents of Baghdad, who had been looking forward to better days with the United Nations food-for-oil deal. spent yesterday once again Mahmoud, a retired member Iraq reserved the right to reshuddled around radios and of the Iraqi Republican pond to military aggression.

a US air patrol before making of the latest military strike.

off, and an American F-16 jet A mood of frustration and disappointment gripped the capital after the second missile attack early yesterday killed one and wounded seven people in the southern

The Americans are making it very difficult for us to remain indifferent to their aggression and their constantly changing rules," said Farouk Mahmoud, a retired member

Iraqi MiGs hesitantly tested | televisions listening for news | Guard, President Saddam's elite troops. "Their cowboy attitude will not work forever, even if we are in a much

weaker position."

Many Iraqis saw President Saddam's late-night meeting with his air force commander on Tuesday as an indication that the Iraqi leadership did not rule out retaliation. President Saddam announced on Tuesday that Iraq would ignore the no-fly zones and

Iraqis are annoyed at the | been monitoring closely what US extension of the southern no-fly zone, making Baghdad the only city over which Iraqi forces are allowed to fly.

The strikes against the

southern cities of Nasariyah, Kut and Iskandariyah on Tuesday and Basra on Wednesday increased feelings of insecurity in Baghdad. "Do you think they will bomb outside world is no longer as Baghdad?" was a question anti-Iraq as it used to be and residents asked over and over

again. People in the capital have owner in Baghdad.

they see as the dismember-ment of the alliance against them. Iraqi papers have put much emphasis on the reluc-tance of former "enemy countries" such as Turkey and Saudi Arabia to allow US missiles to be launched from

their territory. "People feel the mood in the that is encouraging," said Walid Hinawi, a textile shop-

BSE **'took** Britain

NE of Britain's leading

sets a dangerous precedent; in Washington the Defence Secretary Michael Portito calls the attack moderate and

Crisis countdown?

planes north of extended no-fly

C US launches 14 cruise missiles

battery after its rader locks on to the jet; two Iraqi MiGs brief

ike to the air egainst the US Russia says the US bombing

Saddam Hussein moves

F-16 attacks Iraqi missil

C Anti-aircraft fire in Baghded; US derives it has attacked the

security cordon inside norther

has withdrawn its forces from

While commentaries in local papers urged Iraqis to resist foreign aggression with their "nails and teeth", people in Baghdad rushed to stock up on goods which quickly increased in price as news spread of the air strikes

Iraqis, who have spent five hard vears under interna tional economic sanctions, ministers repeatedly assured had begun looking forward to the UN brokered food-for-oil risk of "catching" CJD from deal which was scheduled to

take effect this month. "Things have been becom-ing better and we are happy not to have war for a while, said Sawsan Sousa, an Iraqi woman who added that all she had known was war since her high school graduation in 1980, "We had two wars and We want this to end."

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aback'

Tim Radford

scientists yesterday revealed that researchers and ministers by the BSE crisis in March. His words — dealing with

the role of science in public life — reinforced what some have claimed for years: that ministers had not been taking the epidemic of bovine spon-giform encephalopathy in In the first decade of BSE in British herds, agriculture

ministers reduced research spending by 25 per cent. Sir Ronald Oxburgh, rector of Imperial College and formerly a Ministry of Defence chief scientist, 7raised the matter of public investment in science that might or might not seem important. The national shutdown of a

£500 million beef export industry in March was a case in "BSE really caught us unnot been that much work on BSE-related conditions before work had been going on in a few places in a rather aca demic way. Overnight, it be-

came absolutely vital. RSE was identified in British dairy berds in 1986, and although there were fears of a link with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) i the public that there was no British beef.

They stopped making such assurances on March 20 this during national science week. Sir Ronald said that one problem was that scientists could only offer probabilities. "What ministers, what senior civil servants would like is a firm yes/no. But science is really no different from any other branch of human activity. Occasionally there are clear black and white

answers, but very often not."

UK funds Serb war criminal | Blair sparks tax battle

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

AN INTERNATIONAL organisation, partly funded by the British government, is bankrolling the election campaign of a no-torious Serbian warlord res-Ponsible for the war's first wave of ethnic cleansing in which thousands of Muslims were slaughtered.

The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which has the job of ensuring the Bosnian elections on September 14 are fair, is giving £150,000 towards advertising for the extreme nationalist Serb Unity Party. The party is run from neighbouring Serbia by Arkan, a paramilitary commander involved in some of the worst excesses of the war and named by the United States as a war criminal.

His smiling face looks down on Serb voters from thousands of campaign posters funded by the OSCE, which has also helped to pay for pamphlets advocating parti-tion of Bosnia — contrary to last year's Dayton peace



Arkan: Involved in worst

The money is being paid out of a £3.4 million fund, of which £1.8 million was provided by the German govern-ment. The balance is funded by other OSCE members. Britain has given £4.4 million towards the OSCE's mission in Bosnia, but Foreign Office officials said last night they were unsure whether British money had been used directly in the campaign fund.

The OSCE yesterday de fended the handout in the in-terests of free speech. Jean

Ouellet, responsible for supervising Bosnian parties, said: The political campaign funding is basically for all political parties to get their mes-sage across. We may not agree with some of them, but we cannot censor them. There is still the right to free speech in this particular country."

Arkan — real name Zelko Raznjatovic — is wanted by Interpol and seven European

countries for bank robbery

and theft. But his pre-war criminal record pales into insignificance compared with his wartime activities. In April 1992, his personal militia, the Tigers, rampaged through the eastern town of Bijeljina, killing Muslim civilians and starting ethnic cleansing in Bosnia. In

September 1995, a few weeks before the war ended, the Tigers conducted a final purge of western Bosnia, pull-ing Muslim men off buses to kill them.

OSCE funds have also been given to the ruling Bosnian Serb party, the SDS, which or-chestrated ethnic cleansing

throughout the war. Bonn seeks role, page 6

Austin

Larry Elliott, Michael White and Simon Beavis

HE three main political parties fired the opening shots in the long pre-election battle over tax yesterday as Labour displayed its pro-business cre dentials with pledges to soften the impact of its social policies and cut taxes.

Tony Blair coupled his aim of a new 10p starting rate of income tax with an attempt to assuage business fears about the minimum wage and the European social chapter. Labour's tax plans were im-

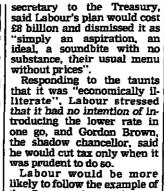
mediately denounced by the Conservatives. John Major said on a visit to Derbyshire: The day the Labour Party become tax cutters you will hear cats bark and not The Tories will return to

the offensive today when they relaunch the controversial denon eves campaign. Posters will show the eyes appearing in voters' purses and wallets Mr Blair told a gathering of 400 business leaders that there was no question of a return to penal tax rates



under Labour, adding: "There were no proposals in our pre manifesto that require rises in personal taxes. Instead Labour hopes to convince voters that it is the

party of fair taxation by contrasting its proposal for a 10p band with the Conservative objective of abolishing capital gains and inheritance taxes, measures which would bene fit the better off. Michael Jack, the financial



the Conservatives and move towards a lower rate in incremental steps. It would start by applying the rate to only a fraction of taxable income. perhaps as little as £500.

Labour's new compact with business, set out in a glossy brochure that is being sent to 10,000 firms, boiled down to five key commitments — a tough stance on public spending and inflation, engagement with Europe, boosting educa-

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Inside

Britain Police forces paying £70 to informants are showing large reductions in the numbers of house burglaries.

World News French teachers and other school staff will strike today over job and budget cuts, opening the way for a new showdown.

investigated over investment fund irregularities at Morgan Grenfell are to be frozen.

The assets of

the manager being

Sport Ray Wilkins, the QPR player-manager, left his job at ... the London club amid confusion, just 10 days before. his 40th birthday.



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Sketch

Burglars face a rude awakening

get much more exciting.

A short time later officers

were outside a run-down terraced house hoping to pick up

19-year-old suspected of

in a thick duvet.

being a serial burglar. His mother answered the door. Half asleep and wrapped

The lad's brother accused police of picking on the boy.

Fed up, the officers return

to Chingford nick where a ju-venile who was being read a

long list of charges gave his game away: "I don't remem-ber doing that one," he said.

More than 300 arrests later

More than 300 arrests later
the feeling at Scotland Yard
was of self-congratulation.
At Chingford police station
officers crowded into the can-

teen ordering full breakfasts

Detectives cheerily asked their colleagues how it was for

hem and swapped anecdotes

Hailing the initiative a suc-

cess, Assistant Commissioner Ian Johnston, said: "A sub-

stantial amount of property

has been recovered including two firearms, a stungun, CS spray and 54 6ft cannabis

plants. "Since Bumblebee started across the capital in June 1993 there have been more than 34,000 arrests in London for

glary fell by 5 per cent." Almost a thousand people, he said, had had stolen goods

returned to them in the last

burgled, he said, should turn up at a Bumblebee roadshow coming to a street near you

In Chingford it was pats on the back all round. The man with the ram meanwhile was counting the days before the next dawn — inevitably dawn

squidgy thing, almost entirely

that the colour coded evidence

he keeps in plastic bags con-

stitute the real story of what happened but, as Elinor

points out, you cannot reduce

everything to nice neat pat-terns. We never know for cer-

covery was fraudulent, and in the wake of what becomes

tain that Christopher's dis-

known as "the occurrence",

Al prospers, building a suc-cessful career as a popular

science pundit. He ends up de

stroying the past while paying lip service to its traditions.

The old chemistry lab is pulled

down to make way for a department of media studies.

On its simplest level, Polia-koff tells a gripping story of scientific fraudulence and the

research in a free market economy where ideas and dis-

coveries only have any currency if they are marketable.

But the play goes far deeper

than that, investigating the

selective nature of memory

in order to construct an ac-

as the suave, self-deceiving Christopher and most of all by

Douglas Hodge who suggests that behind Al's flabby exte-

rior and lazy vowels there may be a steely brain. A welcome

This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

yesterday to send every em-

ployer of nurses a report out-lining areas of concern.

The UKCC is also to com-

mission research into why almost 50 per cent of the nurses summoned to appear before its professional conduct com-

mittee are men, when only 9 per cent of the 643,000 quali-

The number of formal com-plaints against nurses rose from 339 in 1985-86 to 883 in 1994-95.

fied workforce is male.

form for Poliakoff.

a matter of perspective.
Al may convince himself

three years.
Anyone who had been

very soon.

– the 999 as it has been

from their morning experiences.

'It's a bloody wonder they don't pick you up," shouts the mother, anxious that her son should get up, get dressed and



Hannah Pool

HE Sweeney it wasn't. Half a dozen tired, bedraggled police officers waiting patiently in two cars at six in the morning. Ready for action. Ready to ram down a terraced house front door, storm in and arrest a sus-

pected burglar.

Detective Inspector Malcolm Barber — "Guv" — has a call on his mobile. The troops bristle, expecting some action "You're at the wrong house, Guv," says the voice at the

And so the car drivers pull away from the Walthamstow terrace — number 25. All heads lean out looking for

number 127. Once there, the 2ft red metal battering ram is brought men-acingly out of the car boot. Only one officer has been trained to use the tool and he is not going to let it out of his

Officers crowd outside the door and at last there is a flutter of electricity in the air. The street is empty and quiet. They bang again and again on

The man with the ram tightens his grip. Only then does a colleague try a window which

As one officer shimmies through the small window announcing "Police — anyone home?" the others cling to the hope that someone may be in

the house. No such luck. It's the right house but it's empty. A couple of stereos, a video and a pile of papers are carried out to the boot of the car — maybe, just maybe, there are some stolen

goods there.
The officers were among the 1,700 police who yesterday raided 700 properties in London as part of Operation Bumblebee, one of the Metropolitan police force's biggest ever blitzes on

Review

Lyn Gardner

Blinded by the Sun

Cottesioe, Royal National

HERE is something posi-

play, half mystery thriller and half revenge tragedy and al-ways wholly compelling even

when it seems intent on wind-

ing itself into intricate knots.

entrance to Magdalen College Oxford's old Daubeney science laboratory — "with-

out experiment it is not poss-

stage, conjuring up a universi-ty's shabby chemistry depart-ment with a glorious past but

uncertain future.
In a final act of either inspiration or revenge, the retiring

head of department appoints Al, an unsuccessful scientist

but efficient administrator, as

his successor. Al's mission is

to reinvent the department.

attracting sponsorship and students. But he doesn't count

on the intransigence of Chris-topher and Elinor who pursue

their own scientific research

Scientists, suggests one character, are the conjuror's

favourite audience because

see. So it proves as Christo-

they believe everything they

pher announces he has devel-oped the sun battery — an endless source of non-pollut-

reasons for wanting to believe

detective and unravels a kind

of truth. As in all Poliakoff's

work, the truth is a slippery.

David Brindle, Social

NURSING leaders are to call on hospitals and

nursing homes to act on the

causes of a growing number of complaints against nurses for misconduct, including

sexual harassment and

The governing body of the United Kingdom Central Coun-cil for Nursing, Midwifery and

Worry grows over nurses

ing energy. Everyone has

him. but it is Al who turns

with an apparent ruthless purity of purpose.

ible to know anything ade-quately" — dominates the

The Latin inscription at the

tively Jacobean about Stephen Poliakoff's lates

Police rely more on informants, page 5 For this crew the early morning adventure did not

A kind of truth in

a relative world

How Netanyahu faced up to political reality. "I will not meet with Yasser Arafat."

— February 5

"I don't want to, and I hope I never have to."

- February 28

'I am not happy about meeting Arafat, but if it seems essential for security to do so, I will consider meeting with him."

"If I thought this was needed for the security, of Israel I would do it . . . I don't rule it out."

— June 26

"I don't think it is worthwhile to hold a meeting that is just ceremonial. I want the meeting to be purposeful. When the time comes, it will indeed take place."

— August 25

A meeting "is dependent on specific developments which I hope are in the making. This means that when the developments happen, there will be a meeting."

September 1



Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu (left) and Palestinian president Yasser Arafat shake hands for the cameras at their first meeting yesterday

Arafat shaken but not stirred

Token gesture sums up stalled peace process

Derek Brown in Jerusalem and Jessica Berry at

Yasser Arafat cap-tured the imagina-tion of the world by shaking hands on the White

Yesterday, at last, it was Binyamin Netanyahu's turn, cheering throng; no cere- at least, loathing of the other.

HREE years ago. HREE years ago over in an instant. The photographers and film crews had to plead with the two men to do it again for posterity.

That is perhaps why the image broadcast around the world last night was even more lacking in warmth than and the symbolism was no less potent. There was no American president; no had been expected of two men deeply separated by mistrust and, in Mr Netanyahu's case

— rose on opposite sides of the table, each flanked by glum-looking aides. Mr Ne-tanyahu buttoned his smart

mony: and no soaring rhetoric of peace.

Instead the handshake came tentatively, almost further in a grey suit and stretched out his hand, his face impassive. Mr Arafat, a moment late in rising, reached out, twisting his head to the left to make the strength of the peace of the strength of the strengt

tory, but certainly another landmark on the corkscrew road to peace.

The meeting, at the Erez crossing point on the north-ern edge of the Gaza Strip, had been eagerly anticipated since the Israeli right swept back to power at the end of

May.
Mr Arafat, whose dreams of

desperately needed the meethas given the Palestine Libering. What he did not need was ation Organisation a scatteranother leaden reminder that ing of autonomous enclaves the peace process is under new management. in the Gaza Strip and the still mostly occupied West Bank. Well-informed diplomatic

The Israeli prime minister who had sworn before the May general election never to

"Both parties reiterate their commitment to the in-terim agreement and their determination to carry out its implementation." he told a brief press conference. But, he quickly added, the security and well-being of both sides had to be taken into account. That means Israel is insist-

had tried until the last to insist that every part of the existing agreement, negotiated with the last Labour-led Israeli government, should be implemented, including the withdrawal of occupation troops from most of the flashpoint

sources said the Palestinians

West Bank city of Hebron.

"The Palestinians are talking about implementation.
We are talking about modification," an Israeli source

What that almost certainly ing on "modifications" in an means is that hundreds of Is- signed," he said.

The peace partners — for so | Palestinian statehood were | interim agreement, already | raeli soldiers will stay in a they are, despite appearances | shattered by that election, | badly behind schedule, which | substantial part of the city to guard the 400 or so Jewish settlers while Mr Arafat's PLO forces will be humiliatingly confined to a truncated Mr Arafat, however, is a

man incapable of discourtesy, especially on a public stage. bigger than Mr Netanyahu's, but had to turn it down on the embarrassing grounds that it hid him from view. Swallowing that small blow to his pride, he opted for a simple statement of the inevitable: "I would like to emphasise once again our commitment to co-operation with Israel, our commitment to all aspects of the agreement with Israeli in accordance with agree

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Hermit family plotted suicide

Lawrence Donegan

CORONER called for social services to be of investigation yesterday after an inquest into the death of a 29-year-old woman who lived like a hermit for more than 15 years, dominating her family.

Karen Morgan's body was discovered at the family home

inquest at Croydon heard that she had became a recluse at and the relativity of truth, and serving as a metaphor for the way we make biased selecthe age of 13. She had not walked for years, and had kept in her bedroom where tions from, or falsify, the past she slept on bare floorboards and used a bucket for a toilet, ceptable future for ourselves. It is beautifully acted by Frances de la Tour as the agewhich her mother had to empty every day.
The coroner, Paul Rose, said social services should have greater powers to invesing Elinor, a woman who has become a dinosaur in the new scientific world, Duncan Bell

tigate such cases. "It appears they have no power to inter-vene in this situation because nothing untoward was hap-pening. This should be looked at in the light of this case."

Detective Inspector Robert
Harrall told the coroner that

Ms Morgan, who died as a result of a brain tumour and bronchial pneumonia, had a strong personality and con-trolled her family so much that when she died they entered a suicide pact.
The case came to light on May 3 when the parents, Joste

lance after their son, Russell, been dead for several days, had been laid out on her parents bed. "They all planned to take their lives with overdoses of

and Bob, called for an ambu-

have enough money to buy more," Mr Harall said. Police found notes from Ms tainee. The neglect seems en



Karen Morgan before her withdrawal, aged 13

parents how to prepare food before bringing it to the unfurnished room where she lived. "She dominated her family with rituals before she would eat, and wouldn't let them watch certain TV pro-grammes," Mr Harall said. The parents agreed to their

daughter living at home rather than sending her to a special boarding school for treatment for a psychiatric condition. Over the years callers were turned away and her younger brother became a recluse himself. Social workers made sev

eral attempts to contact the family after Ms Morgan dropped out of school and sought to make her a ward of took a tablet overdose as part of the pact. Karen, who had in law to enable them to do so. court, but there was nothing Mr Rose said Mr and Mrs Morgan were overwhelmed by their daughter's death.

Both are being treated in a Bexley mental hospital but sleeping pills but they did not are expected to be released have enough money to buy soon. "There is no evidence of Karen being an unwilling de-Morgan instructing her tirely self-imposed," he said.

Labour's 10p pledge opens election war over tax

continued from page 1 tion and skills, promoting small business and improving ship with the private sector. But recognising industry's

continuing concerns about the minimum wage and the social chapter, Mr Blair went out of his way to reassure his audience that its interests would not be ignored. The costs of topping up poverty wages through the "spiralling benefit bills for the taxpayer" were £2.5 billion a year, but a figure for the minimum wage would not be "plucked out of the air. It will be done sensibly and in consultation with business, taking account of the economic situation."
Although Labour strate-

gists had not intended the tax row to overshadow Mr Blair's speech, which was greeted warmly by the invited audience, they claimed to be de-lighted that renewal of last year's 10p pledge had been highlighted by the media Mr Blair made no direct mention of it in his speech,

and Mr Brown improvised one. The Liberal Democrat spokesman, Malcolm Bruce, picked on Mr Blair's deliberate pledge that he has no current proposal to raise taxes as proof that "Labour's credibility on tax is wafer thin". Dismissing "talk of fantasy tax rates of 10p in the pound"

he contrasted it with his own plans to take 750,000 low paid workers out of income tax entirely While Mr Brown rests

heavily on his promised windfall tax on cash-rich utilities, the Lib Dems are prepared to raise income tax by 1p to help education. Tory strategists believe they can again clobber both

opposition parties, as in the

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Alexander Goudie with one of his pictures of Tam O'Shanter's kirkyard adventures — dismissed as 'good illustration, but not great art' by one critic

Painter's mirth and fun at critics

Scottish artist who is no 'trendy Damien Hirst figure' could make £600,000 from 57 works on a Burns theme

tirred

Erlend Clouston on a bulk purchase

S PRESS previews went, it was fairly depressing. Alexander Goudie, a Glasgow artist, had spent more than £20,000 setting up a two-week exhibition of his cycle



Timothy Clifford: Paintings

of works inspired by the Robert Burns's poem Tam O'Shanter. Instead of entertaining a stream of fawning critics in Edinburgh's grandiose Free-mason's Hall, the distin-

freelance photographer. then said he hadn't realised that Burns was such a pro-lific painter." Mr Goudie recalled, fingering his crimson bowtie in a slightly pained way. "We began to wonder if

the whole thing was living Scottish artist. doomed." added his agent, lain Clark. "We'd asked banks and companies for help, but nobody would can Macmillan, curator of

savouring a crushing vicagent's cut on £600,000. In one of the flamboyant coups for which he is celebrated. Timothy Clifford. director of the National Galleries of Scotland, liked

had to settle for a solitary strong collection. Yester-freelance photographer. day he announced his in-"He took one look and tention to ask for lottery help in the purchase of a show whose catalogue value is £680,000.

Even with a bulk order discount it is certain to represent the National Galleries' record investment in a

give us a penny."

Yesterday it was all so different. Mr Goudie was the Scotsman's art reviewer. He said the Tam tory over the "intellectual o'Shanter sequence was mafia" critical of his figurative style, and Mr Clark was eagerly calculating the the mass purchase as "grotesquely out of proportion to anything that has ever been done for the nation's art before

But Mr Clifford said the paintings had "that fire what he saw on a visit to and enthusiasm that Han-the Freemason's Hall, and del must have had when guished 62-year-old painter reserved the entire 57- writing the Messiah".

Despite living off his art | paint around like not many for the past 20 years, and | people can these days." selling paintings to, among others, Prince Philip and Billy Connolly, the former lecturer's figurative style has not always appealed to

the Scottish arts establishment. In 1987 he secured Britain's biggest post-war art commission, the designs for murals, crockery, carpets and duty-free bags on one of Brittany Ferries'

cross-Channel boats.

Mr Goudie said yesterday: "All my life I've been supported by individuals, almost never by institu-tions," adding: "I only hope the people of Scotland who are pressing this matter complain yesterday: "If you will not be put down by the opinions of one one or two members of the intellectual and aesthetic mafia."

Mr Goudie's output was stoutly defended by Mr Clark who said: "He's not a trendy, Damien Hirst fig-ure, but he's popular with The purchase represents

a switch of ethnic tack by Mr Clifford who has been under fire for helping to raise the £9.6 million which saved Canova's statue of The Three Graces and last month a Guercino painting for the nation.

All but four of the Burns cycle were executed in a year. Based on sketches for a still-born book project. they trace O'Shanter's adventures with alcohol and supernatural ravers in Alloway kirkyard. Most feature his gallant mare, Meg, prompting Mr Goudie to paint things like horses there are people who think they are too whimsical a

The Burns cycle will go on display at the National Gallery of Scottish Art, due to be opened in a former Glasgow post office before the public and can move the end of the millennium.

production operator at Bene-

ux, arrived at the factory yes-

terday to empty her locker.
"The whole thing has been

"I have spoken to some of my colleagues and they are very

upset. We thought that with

this government money and investment from the company

the factory could really do well. It's a real shame. Where will we find jobs? I think most

people will be unemployed at

Shaun O'Leary, one of a

handful of workers at the fac-

tory yesterday, said: "The Government would have been better off just giving us the

£45,000 per worker it's ended up paying. It would have saved us a lot of heartache."

Benelux, which invested £20 million of its own money

in the venture, claims it was forced to close following an

increase in the price of raw

materials and changes in the world market for CD boxes.

Sales of CDs, however, are

reaching record levels with more than 30 million sold in

A company spokesman said: "We have made every effort to see if it was possible

to secure the long-term future of the operation. This did not

Britain alone last year.

east until Christmas."

waste of money," she said.

MoD's spy computers face sell-off to save cash

Richard Norton-Taylor

ARTS of Britain's intelligence services, the last taboo of the Government's priva-tisation programme, could be put out to tender in an attempt to save money and increase efficiency.

increase efficiency.

Ministers are to be presented with a plan to offer private companies the task of running multi-million pound computer systems of the Defence Intelligence Staff, which is responsible for collecting and analysing information on weapons proliferation, arms sales and military conflicts

David Clark, Labour's defence spokesman, said yester-day the proposal showed the Government had gone "privatisation mad". It was willing "to put profits before the defence of the realm", he said.

Even knowledge about how an agency is adminis-tered tells you a lot about it," a defence analyst warned. The proposal is part of the Government's Competing for

Quality programme, which tests the cost of services provided in-house with prices that would be charged by outside suppliers.
The move, revealed in the

latest issue of Computer Weekly, published today, will initially target what the Ministry of Defence describes as "non-core activities" includ-ing information technology hardware. However, sources made it clear that private bidders will be asked to be imaginative in their proposals. A feasibility study has been

sent to Lieutenant-General Sir John Foley, Chief of Defence Intelligence, who has a staff of about 800 military and civilian specialists with a budget of about £70 million.

Staff assesses secret information provided by MI6, MI5, GCHQ and the Joint Air croft and a US firm, ManTech Reconnaissance Intelligence centre at Brampton, Cam- tional.

images from spy satellites.
Bidders for the work are likely to include IBM and EDS, the US-based company which runs the Inland Reve-

nue computer system.

The agency, in common with the rest of the Ministry of Defence, has had unhappy experiences with new tech-nology. Problems in installing and maintaining new computers in the DIS headquarters in the old War Office building in Whitehall led to huge

increases in expenditure. The DIS has also been accused in Whitehall of spreading its net too wide, assessing economic and political intelligence which is the task of other agencies.

The MoD yesterday played down the significance of the move saying any privatisa-tion would be limited to 'administrative support" and would have nothing to do with national security. However. officials acknowledge that the distinction the ministry makes between core and non-core activities in the DIS

is a false one.

They say, for instance, that it is difficult to separate the task of installing computer programmes from the pro-cessing of highly classified data. Even the DIS payroll innocuous on the face of it contains sensitive material, including the names of DIS

In a statement last night, the MoD said that employees from private firms which successfully bid for new Defence Intelligence Staff contracts would be vetted. "Vetting will be firmly under government control," it said. Existing DIS staff could be transferred to the companies involved, according to Computer Weekly.

This year GCHQ, the elec-tronic eavesdropping centre The Defence Intelligence in Cheltenham, contracted Advanced Systems Interna-

GEC backers gun £10m 'leg-up' fails to save firm for Rees-Moga

Lisa Buckingham

ORD Rees-Mogg, the for-mer editor of the Times and a member of a number of top boardrooms, is ex-pected to be sacrificed in the row between GEC and its major City shareholders over the huge pay package for in-coming managing director George Simpson.

Leading investment groups

are thought to have secured an understanding that the electronics and engineering giant will overhaul its remuneration committee, chaired by Lord Rees-Mogg, as a result of the fracas over the pay deal, which could be worth up to £10 million over five years. The issue is cer-tain to be raised at tomorrow's annual meeting of GEC.

A senior investment source told the Guardian yesterday: "The institutions expect to see changes in the remuneration committee as evidence that it will be doing its job better in future.

"Shareholders want to see change and, as chairman of the committee, it could be that Lord Rees-Mogg's head will be demanded."

Lord Rees-Mogg has been on the board of GEC since 1981. He heads the remuneration committee — which approved the package for Mr Simpson — alongside GEC's chairman, Lord Prior, and other City alumni.

Investors can protest tomorrow by voting against the re-election of another member of the remuneration committee, but it is understood they consider this too

small a prize. Instead, investors - the insurance and pension fund groups which own more than two thirds of all shares want more significant changes which indicate the committee will not be bull-

dozed in future. Shareholders have already forced the company to climb down on the terms offered to multi-million pound bonuses are more closely tied to the group's performance and they are determined to pull it more into line with accepted corporate governance behaviour. It is understood, however,

that GEC will not use the meeting to announce changes to its remuneration committee. As happened following the showdown over remuneration for Cedric Brown at British Gas, the company appears to have been put on notice that action is expected

in the coming year. Shareholders are increasingly convinced Mr Simp-son's earnings package was presented as a fuit accompli to the committee which failed to ask tough enough questions about the criteria for bonuses and did not foresee the resulting brouhaha and confronta-tion with shareholders.

From 1982, when the 13-year-old Steffi made

tennis star's earnings were estimated at 152

million marks (£66 million) on which by last

year only 10 million marks tax had been paid

in a country where the top rate is 53 per cent.

her professional debut, until last year, the

Board warned of unsafe

investment

Vivek Chaudhary in Belfast

COMPANY received £10 million of government money to set up a factory making compact disc cases in Northern Ireland said yesterday that it is to close less than two years after opening.

At its peak, Benelux, in Limayady, County London-derry, employed 220 people which means the Government's grant worked out at about £45,000 per worker. The Internal Developmen Board (IDB) gave the money to the Hong Kong-based com-pany in return for a promise

to create 300 jobs and regenerate an economically deprived area with a male unemol pyment rate of 20 per cent. The cash does not have to be repaid by the company and the IDB had been warned before awarding the grant that

it was an unsafe investment. Workers said the factory which opened in October 1994 had been plagued by produc-tion and marketing problems. It is to close tomorrow and has already laid off 100 workers. The closure is the latest in a long line of failed business rentures in the province that had been set up with govern-ment funding. Last year, a German textile company near



Benelux's factory, closing tomorrow Photograph Kelvin Boyes

of 300 jobs.

An economist, George Johnson, said Benelux promised to capture up to a quarter of the European market in CD cases. He said on local radio: "There are very serious ques-tions to be asked. I had warned the IDB it was investing a lot of money in a risky business. My concern was that the correct market

research had not been done." William Ross, the Ulster Unionist MP for the area in which Benelux is located, plans to raise the issue of IDB grants with the Northern Ireland select committee. He said: "The IDB needs to

imayady closed with the loss | review its procedures and f 300 jobs. | make sure it is investing in sound businesses. Ten million pounds is a lot of money and this is not the first time this has happened in Northern Ire-land. I don't think these grants are being thought out properly and a lot of money is eing wasted. I have visited the factory — the whole thing is very impressive but it's no

get another job because there

"A lot of people gave up other jobs to go and work at Benelux. It's not as if they can Sharon Douglas, aged 31,

good to anyone now.

prove to be possible and we are very disappointed at this who was unemployed for four are very years before getting a job as a outcome.

aren't any around bere.'

Uister's costly collapses

ese textile group would have created up to 2,300 jobs had its £160 million plant, backed by a £61 million government grant, gone ahead. But when 34 executives were charged with fraud in Taiwan, the Northern Ireland Office appeared to get

1989 - Short Brothers: The privatisation of the province's largest employer cost the tax-payer £900 million. The Government, which hoped for net costs of £600 million, sold the aircraft manufacturer for £30 million. Earlier this year Shorts' latest owner, Fokker, filed for bankruptcy, putting 1,000 jobs at risk.

1994 - Hualon: The Taiwan- | 1987 - London Refurbishing Company: Minutes be-fore a £60 million investment bringing up to 4,000 jobs on the De Lorean car factory site was due to be announced, it emerged that the company's project manager was an undis

charged bankrupt who had served a three-and-a-half year entence for deception. The Government's £2 million support for the scheme was

1984 — Lear Fan: Production of a revolutionary eight-seater aircraft was supposed to bring 2.800 jobs. When the company collapsed, 400 lost their jobs and the Government a £56 million investment.

1982 — De Lorean Cars: Crashed with the loss of £77 million and more than 2.000 jobs. Only 8,333 cars were built. Founder John De Lor-ean, whose vision was to create 2,400 jobs — which the Government hoped would help head off support for the IRA—was later acquitted on charges of fraud and cocaine trafficking.

1981 — Courtaulds: The clo-sure of a second of its factories in the province within a month brought the total of jobs lost at the firm's Ulster arm to 1,000. The latter development, at Campsie, cost £60 million to establish. The Government paid £20 million of the bill.

Should murderers suffer minutes?

The death penalty. Is it legalised murder? Or is it justifiable revenge? Find out Polly Toynbee's view in this week's Radio Times.

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IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

BSE blamed for farmer's suicide

A FARMER shot himself because he feared the BSE crisis A FARMER snot numsell because he leared the BSE CISIS would devastate his business, an inquest at Richmond, North Yorkshire, was told yesterday. The body of cattle and sheep farmer William Rodney, aged 49, was found by a farmhand in a sheep pen in May with a 12 bore shotgun by his side.

The inquest was told he was troubled by the BSE crisis and feared he would be unable to sell the 200 cattle he had reared at Leighton Hall Farm. Healey, part of the Earl of Swinton's estate. The day before his death Mr Rodne, visited the local cattle market to check on prices and was devastated to see them a fraction of what he expected. His widow Wendy, 45, said: "He never talked about the problem, though I could see he was worried. He carried everything on his own shoulders." Recording a verdict of suicide, the coroner, Jeremy Cave,

said: "It seems he took his own life due to a combination of real concern about BSE. linked with the disappointment of his visit to the cattle mart the day before.

Boy died awaiting ambulance

A BOY lay dying in the road as an ambulance was sent to the wrong village 18 miles away after an error in the control room, an inquest was told yesterday. James Dean, aged 14, was holidaying with his grandparents at a caravan park in Brompton-on-Swale. near Richmond, North Yorkshire, in April when he was knocked

After the inquest at Richmond recorded a verdict of accidental death, his family, from Hull, said they would consider legal action against North Yorkshire Ambulance Trust. The inquest heard that a human error in the ambulance control room led to the nearest emergency vehicle being sent from Northallerton to the wrong Brompton. 18 miles from the accident. The ambulance service, realising the mistake, ordered a differ-

ent vehicle from Catterick two miles from the scene 40 minutes after the accident. The coroner, Jeremy Cave, was unable to say whether James would have lived if the mistake had not been

Rally warned on terrorism

THE Home Office yesterday warned Islamic fundamentalist organisers of a rally to be held in London on Sunday that statements made in support of terrorism would not be tolerated. "This rally will be monitored and anyone who breaks the law, whether by their statements or actions, will face prosecution," the Home Office said in a statement.

The Government has been under pressure from countries including Egypt and Algeria — to ban the Rally for Revival, organised by a group which advocates the creation of a worldwide Islamic state and violent revolution to overthrow the governments of every country in the Middle East. The event, at the 12,000-seat London Arena in Docklands, is expected to feature videotaped messages from some of the world's most notorious terrorists. Speakers at the rally will include Mohammed al-Masari, the Saudi dissident recently given leave to remain in Britain after the courts overturned an attempt to deport him.

Which? attacks GP ads

ADVERTISEMENTS urging people to think twice before calling out a GP are confusing and wrong, the Consumers' Association magazine Which? says today. People could be deterred from seeking medical help when they need it, it warns. The £2.75 million advertisements, funded by the Department of

Health and backed by the British Medical Association, are designed to cut the number of frivolous calls to doctors. But Which? says there is no evidence that such abuse of the system is commonplace. It argues that the department is confusing and alarming people who at other times are advised to seek medical advice promptly if they are worried. - David Brindle

Rolling Stone car to be sold

A 1966 Bentley bought by the Rolling Stones as a "company car" for Keith Richards is to be auctioned by Christie's at Beaulieu. Hampshire, on Saturday. The Bentley S3 Continental Flying Spur, used daily by Richards, is expected to fetch about £40,000.



Ian Livingstone, a collector of Guinness advertising material, has a farewell drink with one of his pieces, due to be auctioned at Christie's on September 11 PHOTOGRAPH: KIPPA MATTHEWS

Scandal of abuse 'cover-up'

Sarah Boseley reports on council chief's call for inquiry into allegations against social worker who would have been prosecuted if he had not died from Aids

of one of London's poorest and most politically troubled boroughs has recommended an independent inquiry into allegations that a social worker may have sexually abused children in his care, and accusations that the council either mishandled or tried to cover up the affair. Mark Trotter died of Aidsrelated pneumonia in July last year, aged 34. Had he lived, Merseyside police say they would have prosecuted him for sexually abusing five boys in 1980-81 when he was living and working in a children's home in Liverpool. Trotter left Liverpool for Hackney, east London, where

worker at the Trowbridge House children's home. He lived on the premises with his partner, Bob Barthram, until the home was closed in 1985 under the council's policy of getting children out of institutions and into foster homes. He then became a field social worker - still with contact with children — until his death.

In December 1981, months after Trotter joined Hackney, and again in January 1982, he was investigated by the social following separate allegations of interference and indecent assault. In December 1984 and January 1989 there were more sexual allegations.

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Nothing was proved, and he became a residential social Trotter, a Labour Party activ-

ist well known to many councillors, was allowed to continue working with children. Some considered the charges no more than "gay-bashing".

Trotter's name had meanwhile come up in Merseyside. where police were involved in a big child abuse inquiry with Cheshire. They found paedo-philia was rife in children's homes in both areas. Detective Superintendent Albert Kirby, who led the Jamie Bulger inquiry, is proud of the way they worked closely with social services and the fact that three former care workers from Liverpool were jailed for 15, 13 and 10 years. In July 1995, two weeks after Trotter's death, Merseyside police traced him to London. "We had five very serious allegations of sexual

buggery." dent Kirby. " said Superinten-The police passed the information in August 1995 to Hackney social services. "On our side we had set about giving all possible help and advice with regard to victims, including having Aids tests," he said. "We never heard any-

abuse, gross indecency and

was absolutely a dead duck."

If Hackney's full council meeting next week gives the go-ahead to the investigation recommended by the chief executive, Tony Elliston, it will also look at the handling of the case after the letter ar-rived. Trotter had contact with at least 350 children at the home and others after-wards. A social work manager called Ken Redley, who had resigned after criticism of his management style and was working out his notice. was given the job of tracing

By the time he left in February, his report was not com-

last month. He had found only 58 and spoken to 43. The job of tracing the rest has now been given to the NSPCC. helped by four senior social services officers. Opposition councillors and rebel members of the fractured ruling Labour group — five have been disciplined by the national executive committee for forming a party within a narty - have been clamouring for an inquiry, accusing their opponents of misman-

agement and worse. Trotter was a union repre sentative, and at one time on a shortlist to be a council candidate. Thanks to a council nomination, he became governor and chairman of gover nors at Wentworth nursery school. In 1965, when Trowbridge House closed and before he was redeployed, he was seconded to the council's campaigns unit as an infor-

mation officer. He lived in council property for the 12 years he spent in

plete Eventually it arrived | House and then in a flat above | has always been, and a family support centre. Then with Bob Barthram, his 26year-old partner who died of Aids in 1994, he took on a council flat-share. In 1992, Barthram complained to the council that Trotter had beaten him and thrown him out for another man. Andrew Mulvey, who died of Aids in April 1994, aged 29.

Yesterday Julie Grimble, group secretary of the Labour group on Hackney council, rejected allegations that council members had dragged their feet over the investiga-tion, claiming that only the former chairwoman of social services, Hettie Peters, knew about the Merseyside evidence against Trotter as early as August last year. Other members were not informed

until last month. political cover-up," she said. dence in the authority." Those who are seeking to make political capital out of

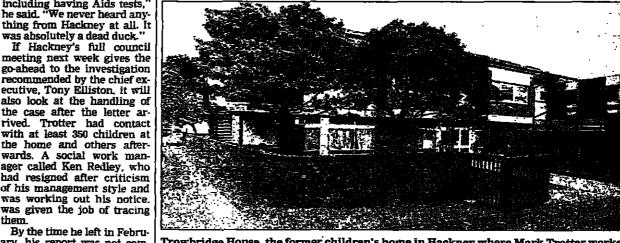
remains, acting in the best interests of young people who may have been abused whilst in our care.

Mr Elliston said the council had a duty to trace young people who might have been abused by Trotter. "We also need to know whether others apart from Trotter may have been involved in child abuse in Hackney. Although at this stage we have no first hand evidence that there has been abuse in Hackney, there is sufficient information for the council to be deeply

There is no suggestion that anyone else at Trowbridge House was involved in child abuse.

"There have also been serious allegations of mismanage-"There is no evidence what-soever that there has been a fully to maintain public confi-

There is a 24-hour helpline number for anyone with inthis tragic affair should be formation or concerns about Hackney, first at Trowbridge ashamed. Our first priority Mark Trotter: 0800 801 837.



Trowbridge House, the former children's home in Hackney where Mark Trotter worked

tion of their country seat Tulsmore Park, near Bicester.

and its replacement with a much-criticised neo-Georgian mansion.

Nine years ago, the 3,000

'Artistic' baron launches bid to rejoin peer group

Martin Wainwright on an eccentric's effort to regain his seat in the House of Lords

ings on the streets of York. yesterday launched a fight to resume his place in Britain's government after 31 years in compulsory psychiatric care. The third Baron Bicester. whose grandfather "Rufie" took the title after chairing the aristocratic stockbrokers Morgan Grenfell, began a tribunal appeal to permit his

return to the House of Lords. The move follows claims by friend that the peer, born Angus Edward Vivian Smith is effectively a "political pris-oner", unable to test his family motto Tenax in Fide (Steadfast in the Faith) on the

crossbenches.
Lord Bicester's solicitor. mental health specialist Peter Edwards, also said that the baron's knowledge of people in high places and ability to embarrass them meant that he was being treated differ-ently "than if he was plain old Mr Smith".

Detained under the Mental Health Act since 1965, the Old

N ELDERLY peer, pital in York is relaxed, with genial attendance at the annual pantomime and freannual pantomime and fre-quent unaccompanied local trips outside the three acre grounds approved by medical

> Bookmakers and casual acquaintances in York described him as "an amiable gent and a lovely man" who potters about with a pad of A4 paper. offering brightly coloured swirls signed "The Lord Bicester" for charity.

Yesterday, he paused briefly at his favourite bookie's in Hull Road to comment on the opening of his appeal tribunal at The Retreat. "I'm in touch with

\$7 bet had just flopped on the 3.10 at York's Knavesmire racecourse. I ring them to find out what's going on."
His greatest wish, he said, was to take the place of his

grandfather and Uncle Ran-dal, the second baron who was High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, in the Lords. Born Angus Edward Vivian

you would like it, please give me as much as you can House every day." he said, after wryly disclosing that a afford."

delightful, eccentric, elderly gentleman. If he was plain old Mr Smith. I don't think he would have been locked up for so long. But his eccentricity has the ability to embarrass people in high places, and he knows a lot of them his family are related to some of them.

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Community care consultant Etonian's regime at the pri- Smith, son of a Coldstream Nigel David, from Guildford, vate, Quaker-run Retreat hos- Guards colonel and a mother Surrey, has befriended Lord

was sectioned under the Men-tal Health Act at the age of 33 nected to the Queen - not aland has been treated at a sucways uncommon in psychiat cession of different hospitals. ric hospitals - carry more weight than usual. He said: "He's a charming His family has brushed with controversy in the past, particularly over the demoli-

an exceptionally retentive memory, although he's usu-

character, full of fun and with

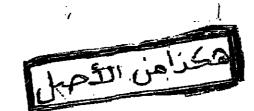
ally drugged.

"The fact that he is locked up with people who are genuinely ill is terrible."



Lord Bicester:





'Alcopop' off shelf as row fizzes

ISTRIBUTION of the latest "alcopop" was stopped last night. only a day after its launch amid controversy about under-age drinking. Brewers Carlsberg-Tetley announced the decision after criticism from alcohol aware-ness campaigners and the in-

ortman Group. Thickhead, a tangerine-fla-voured jelly-like drink, will be relaunched after new packaging, taking on the concerns about its youth-orientated image, is approved.

dustry's voluntary regulator,

Ebbe Dinesen, Carlsberg-Tetley's chief executive, said: Following discussions with the Portman Group, Carls-berg-Tetley has ceased distribution of Thickhead whilst we repackage the product with a new label.

'The Portman Group believes that the current label appeals too much to drinkers concerned that we have accepted their view." ing the problem of alcopops seriously."

A "negligible" number of bottles already on sale will remain in the shops but no more will be sent out.

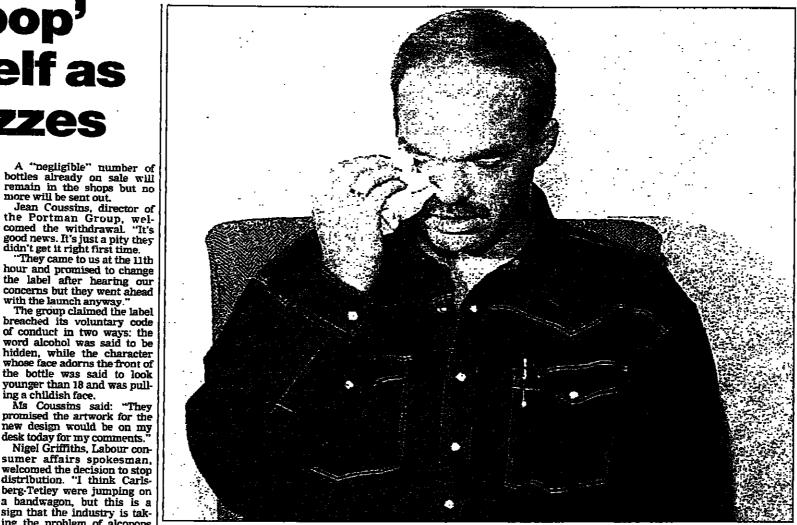
Jean Coussins, director of the Portman Group, wel-comed the withdrawal. 'It's good news. It's just a pity they didn't get it right first time. They came to us at the 11th

hour and promised to change the label after hearing our concerns but they went ahead with the launch anyway. The group claimed the label breached its voluntary code

of conduct in two ways: the word alcohol was said to be hidden, while the character whose face adorns the front of the bottle was said to look younger than 18 and was pulling a childish face.

Als Coussins said: "They promised the artwork for the

desk today for my comments." Nigel Griffiths, Labour consumer affairs spokesman. welcomed the decision to ston distribution. "I think Carlsberg-Tetley were jumping on below our target 18-30 age a bandwagon, but this is a group and we are sufficiently sign that the industry is tak-



Paul Jarvis makes a tearful appeal to his estranged wife yesterday. Top right: Margaret Jarvis, who disappeared with sons Christopher and Russell

cameras, improved locks and

high-visibility police patrols

reduced burglaries to 23 in

nine months from 103 in the

Dyfed-Powys police trained

uniformed officers in taking

fingerprints at crime scenes

leading to an extra 330 crimes

Waverley police in Surrey

increased the number of intel

ligence specialists and

strengthened links with beat

officers. Their clear-up rate rose from 18 to 30 per cent.

glaries fall by the largest per-centages since 1993 were

Surrey. Bedfordshire and

Hampshire. Dorset, Cleveland

Forces which saw bur-

previous seven months.

being solved last year.







ning to leave. The alarm was raised on Tuesday when Mrs Jarvis failed to deliver the

children to another relative

Police who broke into her

bungalow found she had

normally wore and had left it

Police say she took no cash

or credit cards with her and

left without a change of cloth-

ing for either herself or her

Detective Superintent Brian Storey, who is leading

disclose the contents of the

note, except to say that it

causes us grave concern for

Margaret and the children. We are doing everything we

can to find her and I still hope

The couple had been mar-ried for seven years and es-

PC Jarvis said he and his

wife still got on well and

for a happy conclusion.

anged for two.

before going to work.

in the house.

Cultivating new grasses can prune crime growth, says report

Uniformed police rely more on informants

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

LARGE expansion in rest lies behind reductions in household burglaries in some police force areas, according to a new Audit Commission report. Although some chief contables remain wary of using informants on a large scale, police forces employing "in-telligence-led policing" have seen significant improve-

ments in clear up rates. The reduction in household burglaries has made up most of the 9 per cent drop in the

The Audit Commission

most successful force in improving its clear-up rate for ourglaries, and reveals that the number of paid infor-mants has tripled to 900 in the past three years in that county. For the first time. uniformed constables have been encouraged to recruit their own informants, and they now run two-thirds of such contacts. Last year, these sources led to an aver-

increase in solved burglaries. Before 1993, it was unknown for anyone other than a plain-clothes detective to run informants, who were often paid \$5 or \$10 for a tip. A medium-sized police force paid out an average of £20,000

age of two arrests a day and

contributed to the 13 per cent

a year to informants.
The commission says most

rigorous use of informants. | glaries on a crime-ridden es with every suspect interviewed regarded as a possible source of information.

"Police have to be ex-

tremely business-like in gathering information," said Kate The idea that a detective can solve a crime by studying a spent match in an ashtray is a myth. The majority are solved by someone going to the police and telling them."

The report. Detecting a Change — Progress in Tackling Crime, says other recent changes in police practice. particularly those aimed at repeat offenders, have contributed to the overall crime rate reduction.

Examples cited include: South Yorkshire police's and South Wales, which kept work with Sheffield housing to more traditional methods, department to tackle bur-

bomber that flew the coop tate. Closed-circuit television

Debut of

Martin Walnwright

HE last of the RAF's lumbering "Ugly Sis-ters", the cruise mis-siles of their day during the air campaign against Nazi Germany, has been rescued from inglorious retirement

as a Scottish hen-coop. Sceptics scorned the practicality of reassembling an entire Halifax bomber from 20ft of dropping-spattered fuselage, but enthusiasts have restored the 55,000lb plane to the ranks of surviving veteran aircraft.

"It is extraordinary that not one of the 6,176 Halifaxes survived the scra-pyard after the war," said Harry Woodford of the Yorkshire Air Museum, near York, which is about to put the four-engined bomber on show. "They never caught the public's caster, which I have to admit had a prettier shape." The fat-bellied bomber

ish Aerospace designed sev-eral sections and a missing wing was salvaged from a Hastings bomber.

"It has taken 13 years to finish the jigsaw," said Peter Douthwaite of the museum. He saw thousands

of Halifaxes fly in for scrap-ping at nearby Clifton air-field after the war. Aircraft enthusiasts had long despaired about finding a Halifax. Mr Woodford said: "Halifaxes crashed all over the place, but they were often carrying bombs — as you can imagine, that did not leave very much."

The plane, named Friday the 13th after a Halifax which survived 128 misproposition thanks to a tourist in Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, who recognised the shape of a croft-er's hen coop. The farmer, Norman MacKenzie, agreed and the corroded aluminium formed the basis for

"We still have one problem. said Mr Douthwaite. who has invited surviving crew of Friday the 13th to a ceremony next Friday (the 13th). "Two different crew members are convinced that they painted the Grim Reaper badge we've reproduced on the plane, so we has been made up from may have a lively party."

scrapyards, air force stores and the French government, which found the correct Hercules engines in a warehouse and a tail when the store of the sto warehouse and a tail-wheel from a crash site in a Paris orchard. Engineers at British Aernepage design. 'suicide' note

NATIONWIDE search was launched yesterday to trace the wife of a police officer who has disappeared with her two children after leaving a note threaten ing suicide.

Margaret Jarvis, 47, who had been estranged from her husband Paul, a 35-year-old police constable, for two ears, left her home at Hatfield Peverel Essex, on Mon-

There has been no trace of her or the Ford Fiesta she was driving despite extensive searches in the surrounding area and by police forces in Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Norfolk, where there are fam-

Mrs Jarvis left with her two sons Christopher, 5, and Rusto school after the summer

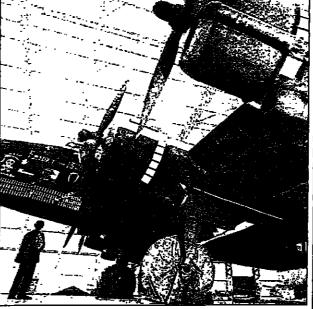
holidays yesterday. Her husband said at a press conference: "Please come home. Or, if you don't want to do that, please don't harm the

PC Jarvis, a policeman for seven years, said he and his wife had a "minor disagreement" on the afternoon she disappeared but the matter had been resolved and he took both boys out with a friend. When he left the house at

shared visits and social occasions with the children. Mrs Jarvis has two children from her first marriage

and is a grandmother of two. Her first husband died from Jean Cuthbert, headmistress of Hatfiel Peverel primary school, described Mrs

Jarvis as a "model mum," who was very maternal and supportive of her children. She said both boys were 8pm on Monday, she gave no bright, intelligent and likeindication that anything was bright, intelligent and li wrong or that she was plan- able and had many friends.



The Halifax, derived from bits and pieces in scrapyards and second world war crash sites, took enthusiasts 13 years to rebuild

Lifer's big squeeze saved jailer choking on orange

Crime Corresponden

T may be rare for someone who has taken a life to have the opportunity to save one, but a former miner sentenced to life for murder has made

the most of his chance. Welshman Terence Hughes was being supervised by prison officer Michael Bugg at a hostel in Nottingham prison when he noticed that all was not well with the

jailer. The officer had staggered apparently unable to breathe, into the room where Mr Hughes was watching television. As a miner, Mr Hughes had learned about first aid on the outside, and realised Mr Bugg might have been about to choke to death.

Mr Bugg, 51, of Toton, Nottinghamshire, said he had been eating an orange when the telephone rang, and he segment before answering. been there, I thi But the orange stuck in his have been tragic.'

Hughes thought that Mr Bugg was playing a joke. Once he realised Mr Bugg could not breathe, he sprang into

Mr Bugg could barely express his gratitude, and in different circumstances, might have said he was "choked". "I would not be here today if it hadn't been for him," he said. "I thank this man from

the bottom of my heart.
"He rushed to help me and slapped me hard on the back. When this failed, he grabbed me from behind and per-formed Heimlich's manoeuvre — squeezing my chest very hard.

"When the orange shot down into my stomach, it was like a champagne cork pop-ping. The first thing I said to him was "Thank God you were here"."

Mr Hughes, due to be released later this month, said: "His face had swollen to had tried to swallow a whole | twice its size. If nobody had been there. I think it would

No appeal on jail releases

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

N APPEAL to the House of Lords to another the further early House of Lords to allow release of prisoners was ruled out yesterday by two High Court judges.

The decision came in a detailed judgment published yesterday by Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Popplewell, which backed Michael Howard's decision to halt the "great escape" of 537 prisoners who were wrongly granted early release.

The judges gave their reasons for dismissing an application from John Naughton, an inmate at Lindholme Prison, near Doncaster, who was serving consecutive 18-month sentences for burglary and possession of

cannabis. According to the judges his argument that the time he spent on remand should be counted against each sentence was "absurd, nonsensi-cal and wholly unarguable". However, their judgment acknowledged that the law

was ambiguous about the way time spent on remand should

be counted for prisoners serving concurrent sentences. Yesterday Danny Simpson.

a Sheffield solicitor, said he was lodging an application for habeas corpus on behalf of several inmates, arguing they had not been given sufficient credit for the time they had spent on remand. A test hear-ing is expected soon.

"Over-precipitate action should clearly be avoided and any attempted further challenge should ideally go before a full divisional court presided over perhaps by the Lord Chief Justice. An alternative, of course, would be to legislate urgently for absolute clarity," said Lord Justice Simon Brown.

The prisons minister, Ann Widdecombe, said she believed yesterday's judgment meant that the "matter is now closed". Fresh guidance is to be sent to prison governors on how to calculate prisoners'

release dates based on the High Court judgment. The Government is expected to bring forward pro-posals in the autumn to give udges the power to determine how much time spent on remand should be deducted from a prisoner's sentence.

Child porn cache 'an accident'

ASENIOR British diplomat | he was accused of smuggling toold Customs officers he into the country, was built up was unable to determine exactly what was on video tapes before he bought them from Japanese sex shops, Southwark crown court in south

London heard yesterday. Robert Coghlan, who pleaded not guilty, said a large collection of obscene videos featuring young boys, which i

unintentionally.

The 54-year-old first secre-tary, stationed for 41-2 years in Tokyo, said during an interview read out in court: "I was aware they contained porno-graphic material, but what I was not aware of was the pre-

The trial continues.



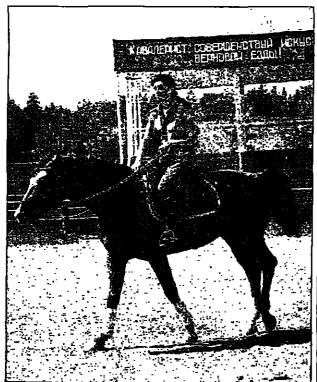
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Groomed for stardom . . . Horses of the Russian army's Detached Cavalry Regiment are kept filming fit while awaiting the director's call at their barracks outside Moscow and, below, one is taken through its paces in the show ring

By the right, smile - but no Snickers Bonn strives for bigger

The Russians keep a cavalry regiment to act by numbers for the camara. But jobs are getting scarce without the spur of Soviet propaganda subsidies to keep them galloping across the steppes. James Meek reports from their barracks at Alabino, outside Moscow



time getting parts lately. But just think of it as a mid-career break: it's only 34, and has nearly 900 films to its credit. The world's only cinema cav-alry regiment isn't unemployed, darling. It's just

resting. There are no dressing rooms at the regiment's base just west of Moscow. Only the sabres worn by the guardhouse sentries distinguish it from any other on the sprawling ter-ritory of the elite Tamansky division. But within lie the stables.

These horses and their riders, recruited from old Russian Cossack country between the Volga and the Don, have been called up to erve the cause of art rather than war. Unfortunately, the socialst realism of their glory

days has given way to the capitalist realism of lashed film subsidies. The host which once galloped across the steppes in count-less Soviet historical epics is now grateful for bit parts Like any actor, the De-

to give it its official name has an agent: the Russian defence ministry. If you lack cavalry, just apply. "Lord save us yes, apply the Russian ground forces, get permission, and we'll

tached Cavalry Regiment -

structions," said the com-manding officer. Colonel Alexander Gerasimenko. The rates are reasonable: 200,000 roubles — £25 — for a horse and rider for an eight hour shift. Discounts for bulk orders.

"If you order more than | rules in which everything 50, we can go down to 100,000 roubles," said the

The regiment was brought into being in 1962 by the director Sergei Bondarchuk for the Soviet film version of War and Peace Bondarchuk, a man of suitably Napoleonic ambitions, focused heavily on the war aspect of Leo Tolstoy's novel and insisted on a division-sized unit to recreate the clash of hussars and cuirassiers at Borodino more than 1,000 horses.

It had been expected that the regiment would be disbanded when shooting ended, but it was still around by 1967, when it trotted through Red Square in Russian civil war cos-tume for the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. The rest is cinematic history.

"Of all the arts." said Lenin in a quote adorning the regimental museum, "cin-ema is, for us, the most

Although it belongs nominally to the army, uses conscripts and is subject to iment used to be financed and effectively run by the Soviet state film industry.

Its soldiers lived a nomadic life, travelling by train and horse-box across the vast spaces of the Soviet to the staff headquarters of Union, one month becoming Turkmen raiders in the Central Asian desert, anwork according to your in- other Mongol Tatars on the steppe, the next Petrine officers bobbing through the snow around Leningrad in tricorne hats.

They fulfill the director's instructions like soldiers, said the colonel, not like ac-tors. "We have a set of

still commander-in-chief of

the army and the undisputed

ideological leader of the

The statement may have

been a reference to the public

works minister, Ricardo La-

gos, a socialist and Pinoche

opponent during military

rule who has a wide lead in

forward to presidential elec-

tions in 1999. — Reuter.

armed forces.

is laid down. If you're or-dered to smile, the order

ried out well." Col Gerasimenko refused to say how many horses the regiment keeps now — a military secret? — but it seems to be less than 100. It has been a long time since the last job, a one-minute television advert for the commercial bank Imperial.

There are limits, said Sub-Colonel Igor Peskov. "It's not for us to judge whether a subject is good or not. The state cinema committee decides what is art. We just fulfill orders.

"But we are military people, after all, and we wouldn't allow ourselves to advertise some kind of yo-ghurt or Snickers." There is hope. The Oscar-

winning director Nikita Mikhalkov has ordered 50 horses and riders for up to 10 days for a historical film to be shot outside Nizhny Novgorod next month.

the student revolt of 1966 and prime minister during mass them the poor treatment of education protests in 1986, probationary and auxiliary teachers. They believe that by faces a second consecutive vear of militant action in eliminating overtime for the schools and universities after last autumn's marches by

workers and students. Teachers and students have powerful following in the Socialist and Communist parties, which believe that the

Paul Webster in Paris

N A premature start to

France's "not autumn".

thousands of teachers and

strike today over budget and job cuts, opening the way for

nev showdown over educa-

tion, an issue which has troubled rightwing governments

Only members of the non-

party aligned Force Ouvriere

will march today, but all other primary, secondary and

nigh-school teachers will join

a national strike on Septem-

er 30 that is likely to be followed by joint action with university staff and students. Alain Juppe's government | heads the teaching unions' and precipitate an election.

Anger over cuts threatens 'hot autumn' in France

Teachers kick off

protest season

Guy Le Néouannic, leader of the national teachers' union. FEN, said after meeting leaders of other school staff lobbies: "We are faced with a situation which we other school staff will have never seen before in which the real education minister is the budget minister."

Mr Juppe has been forced to make education cuts as part of an austerity programme to meet European Union single currency conditions and make room for promised tax cuts. Teachers' jobs will be cut for the first

time since the war — by 2,300 — on the grounds that the child population is dropping.

Trade unions, who say that the fall is equivalent to only one pupil a class, have drawn up a list of complaints, among President Jacques Chirac, who was a minister during 800,000 teachers with perma-nent posts. 15,000 full-time jobs can be created. Without this change, they expect thou-

sands of teachers will be made redundant.

federation, said he was convinced the government was ready to abandon the priority given to education. Under the Socialist government ousted in 1993, education spending was raised above that of

The fact that teachers decided to strike on the day primary schools went back, and a week before the reopening of secondary schools, has em-phasised the political nature of the protest which was planned through the summer break in consultation with leftwing politicians.

But the signal to strike was not given until after a meeting with the education minis-ter, François Bayrou, who made it clear there would be no concessions (a position he took in 1993 when he had to back down in the face of street protests over selection for university places)

Other public sector unions are meeting next week to plan civil service and public transport stoppages because of high unemployment, welfare cuts and pay freezes. A year ago France was brought to a

military role in Bosnia

lan Traynor in Bonn

for a slimmed-down Nato force to remain in Bosnia when the soldiers mandate expires at the end of the year and wants to commit German combat troops for the

In the past few days, politi-cians from Chancellor Helmut Kohl down have sent out strong signals that Germany is ready to increase its participation in the peacekeeping mission. Bonn is conferring with Paris. Washington, Mos-cow and London on the likely configuration of a Nato presence next year.

The foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel. said on Tuesday that a force would be needed next year because Bosnia would still be unstable when the Nato mandate ran out.

20.000-strong force remaining next year, down from almost 60.000 troops in Bosnia now. He is seeking cross-party support to prepare public opinion for a full German combat role in a renewed mission.

Senior defence and foreign ministry officials returned from a fact-finding trip to Bosnia to recommend that the German contribution next year "not differ in quality from that of our allies'

At talks with the French president, Jacques Chirac, in Bonn on Sunday, Mr Kohl revised his earlier opposition to dispatching German combat troops to any zone occupied by the Nazis in the second world war. During the war Bosnia was incorporated into the Nazi puppet state of fascist Croatia.

Asked about sending ground troops, Mr Kohl said because the world had minister, has spoken of a about this".

The issue of full German involvement is likely to arise tomorrow when the United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher, delivers a speech in the south German city of Stuttgart on European

security.

Over the past two years, Mr
Kohl has moved in stages to overcome a legacy of the Nazi years — the constitutional bar on deployment overseas of German armed forces.

The bar has been lifted by the constitutional court and the government gained support for dispatching military aircraft to help police the nofly zone over Bosnia. But the German role in the

present US-led Nato mission has been confined to a few medical and logistical units based only in Croatia.

Germany's Nato allies are keen to see Bonn play a full role in Bosnia and in future asked to keep the peace.

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News in brief

Blackmailer bites on food poison scare

APANESE police arrested a man yesterday for threatening to spread the E. coli food poisoning bacterium by injecting his infected body fluids into baked goods. Tokiyuki Asaoka, aged 47, was held on suspicion of attempted extortion after admitting he sent Yamazaki Baking a note saying he

would infect their goods un-less they paid him 60 million yen (about £370,000).

A National Police Agency spokesman, Mamoru Machida. said officers intercepted a lephone call to a number the blackmailer told the company to display in its window so that he could call to make arrangements for picking up the money. Mr Asaoka was traced to his home in the

Tokyo suburb of Makuhari. It was the second such incident in recent weeks. On August 24 a man was arrested for posting a threatening let-ter to the Tokyo headquarters of 7 Eleven Japan demanding

a 120 million yen payoff. The bacterium, the O157 strain of E. coli, is blamed for the food poisoning outbreak in Japan which has killed 11 people and made nearly 10,000

ill since June 1. It is spread in food, including undercooked meat and raw vegetables, in water and by human contact. Fear of infection has hit restaurants. food growers and butchers es-

The health ministry is trying to encourage hygenic

Pinochet warns of future coup in Chile president, Salvador Allende Gen Pinochet, aged 80. is

eral said.

and instituted military rule.
"We arrived in the year

1973, when a socialist president had left. And take care —

we could do it again," the gen-

It was not clear whether he

meant that Chile could again

elect a socialist government

or that the military could stage another coup. His audi-

ence, which burst into ap-

CHILE'S former military ruler General Augusto Pinochet hinted yesterday that the country's armed forces could carry out another coup like the one in 1973 that brought them to power for 17

Speaking to rightwing sup-porters in a social club in the capital, Santiago, Gen Pinochet recounted his role in the violent coup in which troops overthrew the elected Marxist | plause, understood the latter.

Japanese guru i faces disciples

The doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara, whose trial for the poison gas attack on the Tokyo subway in March 1995 resumes tomorrow, is to be confronted by his former followers in court.

Disciples of his Aum Shinrikyo sect — including its doctor. Ikuo Hayashi, and Mr Asabara's lieutenant, Yoshihiro Inoue - accuse their guru of ordering the gassings, in which 11 people died and 5.500 were injured. — Reuter.

Torture settlement Argentina has agreed to a monetary settlement for José Siderman, a Jewish business-

man, aged 85, who was tor-tured and exiled under the former military regime, in a case against the government being tried in a Los Angeles court. - New York Times. Anti-terror drive

The FBI plans to transfer 500

neous investigations into the TWA 800 crash and the At-lanta Centennial Park bomb-ing, and in anticipation of increased terrorism, writes Ian Katz in New York.

Army 'hostages' Human Rights Watch Ameri-

cas yesterday urged leftwing rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia to secure the safe release of about 60 soldiers seized in an attack on a military base last Friday. - Reuter.

Spy doll

Russia expelled a high-ranking Swedish diplomat for espionage earlier this year after catching one of his couriers in St Petersburg paying £1,300 for a matryoshka doll with film of classified documents hidden inside, Russian media reported yesterday. - AP.

Elephant killings

Two hundred elephants were found slaughtered in Congo, 500 miles north of the capital Brazzaville, in what authori-United States agents to counter-terrorism duties to country's worst massacre by ease the strain of simulta- poachers, — AP

Paris moves with the times

FRANCE is to end the practice of changing its clocks twice a year, it was announced vesterday. "The biennial change in

the time is less and less understood by our fellow citizens and is of no economic interest," the prime minister, Alain Juppé. wrote to François-Michel Gonnot, a member of parliament on a commission studying the matter. The letter was made public by the prime minister's office.

France must now decide when the present practice will end. The decision will determine whether the country is consistently an hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (as it now is in winter) or two hours ahead (as in summer).

Mr Juppé asked Mr Gonnot to prepare his recommendations within six months and to explain the new position to the European Union. -- Reuter.

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IRAQI CRISIS: US planes clash with ground defences ● Russia leads protests ● Baghdad secret police patrol Irbil

Allies pin down Saddam's forces

The battles/Turkey to set up a security cordon against the Kurds, writes Martin Walker

warplanes and Iraqi ground deences clashed yesterday south of while Turkey threatened to take action against Kurdish guerrillas reported to be massing near lraq's

northern border.

A US F-16 fighter plane fired a missile at an Iraqi anti-aircraft SAM-8 site in southern Iraq yesterday, and two Iraqi MiG jets briefly followed another US air patrol, only hours after a second wave of 14 sea-launched cruise missiles had supposedly made the new no-fly zone safe for allied warplanes.

The F-16 fired as the Iraqi radar "locked on", the first clash in what threatens to be a new phase, bringing the prospect of allied casualties

or even pilot hostages.

Meanwhile, Turkey alerted troops and announced plans for a "security cordon" inside northern Iraq to seal its porous border to Kurdish

You call it what you like ... It is a question of five or 10 kilometers," a foreign ministry spokesman said, when asked how deep the security cordon would go.

He said that Turkey had asked the US about the plan, but had not yet received a

reply. Turkey, which also warned it would not admit Kurdish refugees, claimed it faced menacing movements by guerrillas of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), whose campaign against Ankara has

IITED STATES ployment looking uncomfortarplanes and ably similar to last year's raqi ground deattack PKK bases, raises the prospect of fresh fighting in a region already turbulent with Kurdish factions, one supported by Iraqi ground troops and the other by Iran.

President Bill Clinton's

cruise missiles strikes were targeted at southern Iraq to avoid involvement in the baffling complexities of Kurdish politics. But air clashes in the south, and Turkish activity in the north, add weight to Russian warnings that regional

The Gulf war coalition will survive; we have allied support'

anarchy and a wider war could be looming. British, French and US warplanes took off from Saudi Arabian airbases to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq, but France said its planes did not cross the 32nd parallel into the US-declared extension, which stretches to the Baghdad suburbs.

Their way was cleared by a second cruise missile strike against four air defence tar-gets which had been hit the previous day but were believed to remain a threat.

More than half the MiG jets observed on Iraqi bases in the extended no-fly zones were withdrawn to bases north of been based in northern Iraq.

The Turkish military de- tagon said. The planes that stead of the north.

remained were thought to be

Described by the Pentagon as a "mop-up mission", the second strike was also a warning to Saddam Hussein that the bombardment could continue at will.

It was followed by combat air patrols by French Mirage jets, British Tornados and US F-16s, all directed by a US air force E-3 Airborne Warning and Control aircraft and re-fuelled by US tankers.

"The Gulf war coalition will survive," the US assis-tant defence secretary, Walter Slocombe, said yesterday. "We have the allied support to carry out our mission of containment and deterrence. He spoke as Britain's De-fence Secretary, Michael Portillo, visited the Pentagon for talks that were pre-arranged but whose timing symbolised Britain's role as the only US

ally to give unequivocal diplo-matic and military support "We were fully consulted by you. We share your analysis of Saddam's dangerous record," Mr Portillo told the US defence secretary, William Perry. "We were very pleased that US targeting was designed to minimise the loss of

But the Guardian has learned from diplomatic sources of a serious setback for British and US diplomacy at the weekend, in the failure to gain permission from Turkey or Jordan to use their airbases or airspace.

civilian life.'

Britain suggested last week that the allies should expand the no-fly zone in the north necessitating the use of Turkey's Incirlik base and Jordan's Azrak base.

The Saudi government also refused to extend a corridor in western Iraq, obliging the US and Britain to settle for an



An Iraqi boy stands in the ruins of a house in southern Iraq allegedly hit by a US missile. tions to ensure that UN reso-According to the Iraqis, five soldiers were killed and 19 people wounded in the attack

International opinion/ lan Black in London and Mark Tran in New York report on the growing number of countries opposing the attacks

USSIA led a chorus of international criticism of "catastrophic" US could come into force as soon attacks against Iraq yester-day, Britain lobbied to win day, britain loopied to win support for Washington, and France called for crucial hu-manitarian relief to go ahead.

In Moscow, President Boris Yeltsin's spokesman called the cruise attacks 'very dangerous" and "impermissible".
Russia's foreign minister,
Yevgeny Primakov, said in
Bonn: "It's a very dangerous situation, a precedent for the

Britain, one of the few countries to offer Mr Clinton total backing, supported the second round of air strikes and lobbied at the United Nations in New York for a resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of Iraqi troops from northern Iraq and the resumption of talks between rival Kurdish

British officials said they hoped to find a formula that would win the backing of France, Russia and China by focusing on Iraq and not men-tioning US military action.

Intense Anglo-American consultations continued in London today with a meeting between the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, and the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, touring Europe to rally support.

The Defence Secretary Michael Portillo, was in Washington for talks with his US He called the US move "moderate and proportionate".

But disarray in the Western camp_deepened_yesterday when France indicated it had not agreed in advance to the extension of the no-fly zone, which the three Western powers have policed since a USled coalition drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in 1991. Yesterday French planes kept south of the 32nd parallel, not entering the extended zone.

Paris, pursuing an increasingly independent policy in the Middle East in general and over Iraq in particular,

Divisions were evident in Brussels too, where the European Union postponed issuing a joint statement on the US attacks. The issue is likely to dominate next weekend's informal meeting of EU foreign ministers. The Irish prime minister, John Bruton, said: "Force is not the best way of resolving this particularly difficult issue."

EU diplomats said Britain had pushed at a meeting of senior officials on Tuesday for a strong statement supporting the US action but others, notably France, had resisted

Repercussions were also felt in Turkey, where diplo-

'Force is not the best way of resolving this difficult issue'

mats complained that the US had not consulted the country's Islamist prime minister, Necmettin Erbakan, putting at risk Western enforcement of the no-fly zone over Iraq's rebel north.

Nor, they said, had Washington asked Nato-member Turkey for permission to use its Incirlik airbase to stage the attacks, fearing a rebuff. China, a permanent mem-ber of the Security Council,

complained the air strike served "Clinton's need to strengthen his image ... at home so as to win the upcoming presidential elections' Australia's foreign minis-ter, Alexander Downer, called

attack "tough but right".
In New York, meanwhile, it emerged that UN weapons in-

spection teams have been forced to suspend their monitoring activities in Iraq.

Countdown to launch

of events leading up the the White House decision to Iraq. Britain adds the White House decision to Iraq. Britain adds action to Clinton on the bus. to bomb Iraq is taken from briefings by and interviews with government officials.

Intelligence that Kurdish faction has invited Saddam Hussein to join the fight is conicant build-up of Republican Guard forces.

Clinton, on the second day emocratic convention, is informed. National security agencies' staff begin regular planning sessions.

Robert Pelletreau, assistant secretary of state, prepares to host London talks between

Wednosday, August 28 Intelligence officials tell the White House they expect an attack on Irbil. Clinton ap-

measures military options. Enforcement of the no-fly Pelletreau, sent to Saudi Arazones stepped up. Secretary of bia to build support. London state Warren Christopher talks et firmed by spy satellite calls on Russian, French and photographs showing a signif-Turkish leaders to try to influence Saddam.

Clinton, on the second day Friday, August 30 of whistle-stop trip to the Clinton briefed on phone by national security adviser Tony Lake. A second, private warning is sent to Saddam by fax. Defence secretary William Perry contacts King Hus-

sein of Jordan. Kurdish fac-tion leaders meet in London. Clinton receives written NSC summary of invasion of Irbil and possible options.

condemn invasion of Irbil. By Thursday August 29
Clinton practices his nominal attack in motion. General tion acceptance speech and Shalikashvili, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and

> Sunday, September 1 Clinton calls world leaders from Little Rock to guage and build support, getting mixed signals. Perry asks for an-

other day to prepare attack. Clinton in Wisconsin told that Saddam pushing troops fur-ther into the north. Talks to Jacques Chirac, who offers no

support. Clinton flies to Washington and orders attack. Goes to bed in White House at 11pm. awakes for 7am briefing. Boston Globe.

KDP shows off control of Irbil

Kurdish capital/ Victorious faction says all Iragis have

now left, writes Chris Nuttall

the Patriotic Union of Kurrival, the Kurdistan Demo-cratic Party, yesterday as the KDP demonstrated to the world it was in com-plete control of the regional

capital of northern Iraq.
"I can assure you that
there are no Iraqi forces, no tanks, no armoured person nel carriers inside Irbil. said Fadil Mirani, the new head of security in the city captured by the KDP with the help of the Baghdad regime on Saturday.

But just over 10 miles south-east of Irbil, an Iraqi mechanised battalion had been spotted, though West-ern observers said it was not in an offensive posture. KDP forces patrol the streets and mount checkpoints. But residents say some do not speak Kurdish, suggesting they are mem-bers of Iraqi intelligence. Saddam Hussein's secret police were more apparent before the city was opened to journalists yesterday.
"They were going through
the streets in a convoy,"
said one Kurd, "They had a list of people they wanted." Those believed to have been taken away include

members of the opposition group the Iraqi National

Congress, and of the Turko-

man community, a minor ity of more than a million discriminated against by Baghdad. There have been rumours of people being executed but no bodies have been found.

There were few casualties and little damage caused in the capture of Irbil. The KDP admits to losing seven HE IRAQI flag had been pulled down in Irbil and the insignia of stealing cars when Iraqi tanks appeared. Shelling distan was being painted damaged the PUK head-over in the yellow of its quarters and the parliament, but little else.
"We know the Iragis

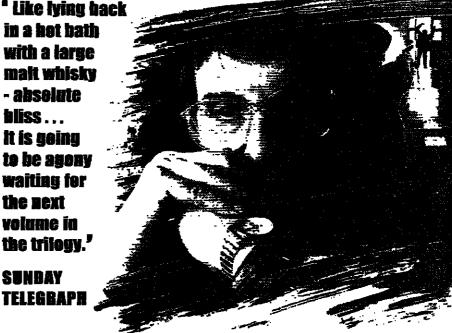
were in their positions out-

side but we never expected them to come in. Mohsin Habib, on duty at the headquarters of the UN Guard Contingent in Iraq. The people of Irbil are traditionally neutral in the war between the two Kurd-ish factions. But the capital has been at the centre of their power struggle, the PUK holding it since De-cember 1994. There is ap-prehension over what price

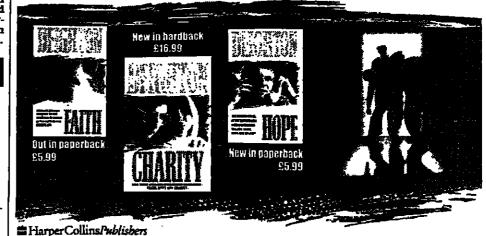
the alliance to see off the Iranian-backed PUK is Electricity and water has been cut off by the PUK, which controls a dam to the east. City dwellers could be seen collecting water from pools of sewage yesterday. Food is also scarce.

must be paid to President Saddam for his support for the KDP. The KDP insists

Two thousand people were arrested initially, and a few hundred remain in detention. Most of the aid organisations have evacuated staff to further north or Turkey, but the United Nations agencies are staving put and there has been no mass exodus of refugees



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Burden falls on the sick and the hungry

Aid agencies are dismayed by blockage of the UN aid, writes Maggie O'Kane

HE British Red Cross warned yesterday of con-tinuing "catastrophic conditions" in Iraq as the United Nations wrangled over American efforts to delay the plan to ease the plight of the lraqi people by limited oil

The plan to let Saddam Hussein sell \$2 million (£1.3 million) worth of oil every six months to pay for essential food and medical supplies was to have come into force at

the end of this month. The deal, bedevilled for months by American and British objections, was de-layed by the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, at the weekend after lraqi forces moved into Irbii.
On Tuesday, the US demanded reconsideration of the plan as it related to relief

to Kurdish areas, so holding up the whole package. John English of the British Red Cross said it was reliably estimated that there were 5,000 new cases of malnutri-

The hot weather and the collapse of the sewage system was hastening the spread of

The World Health Organi-sation estimates that an estimated 500,000 children have died as a direct result of six years of sanctions.

The conditions are already catastrophic. The suspension of the oil make things much worse," Mr English said. In Geneva the man who was to take charge of providing WHO medical supplies to Iraq, Joseph Hazbun, said: "We had been working for weeks up to four o'clock in

the morning to put this together, and all we needed was the green light."

Hr said the WHO planned to supply 1,500 Iraqi hospital with basic medicines. They needed it all—everything from an aspirin to very sophisticated cancer drugs. We had 15 staff on line and

John English of the British Red Cross said it was reliably estimated that there were already 5,000 new cases of malnutrition

The WHO planned to spend \$210 million from the oil sale on essential medicines and replacing equipment broken down after 6 years without

each month

spare parts.
"It was life saving work. We would have been able to help people like kidney patients who are dying now because there are no filters for the dialysis machine - it's as basic

Mr Hazbun declined to comment on the decision to sus-pend the plan. "We are just international civil servants."

A spokesman for the New York Centre for Economic and Social Rights, which has carried out two health and nutrition surveys in Iraq, said the delay would be fatal for many Iraqis.
"Iraqi civilians will continue to die in the same num-

bers," said Abdullah Mutawi,

its legal affairs spokesman. Iraqi political exiles in Britain are opposed to the trade sanctions imposed on Iraq, despite their oppositon to Saddam Hussein's regime. Sanctions do not work and inflict terrible suffering on ordinary people, they say. The UN planned to send 200 monitors to ensure that the money from the deal stayed

out of President Saddam's pocket.
"Everything down to the last water purification tablet had to be accounted for there was no question of him getting his hands on the money to buy weapons," said Kamil Mehdi, of the Centre for Arab Gulf Studies at the University of Exeter.
"The only people who will suffer are the Iraqi people,"

Abdul Haq Alani, editor of the Arab Review published quarterly in London, said the delay would have no effect on the Iraqi leadership. The regime had been cushioned from hardship by black mar-ket oil sales to Turkey, he said, and by taking commission on the millions of pounds Iraqis abroad were forced to send home to their relatives

"It is the ordinary people who are exhausted by the sanctions. There is no spirit to fight or challenge him. The sanctions are helping him keep a grip on power.
"Suspending this deal

Barbara Jones was never optimistic that there would be fast improvements in the jeering, leering world of the male brickie, so 12 years ago she went looking for a way to stay in the trade. Maggie O'Kane

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Labour means business

Non-intervention in industry is the new orthodoxy

defusing business anxieties about the Labour achieves power to know what prospects of a Labour victory in the that really means. This is the first next general election. No previous prospective Labour administration to Labour manifesto has been given such | be completely shorn of nationalisation approval - albeit qualified - by the proposals, industrial interventionism main business organisations as and excess spending plans. Yesterday's Labour's Business Prospectus was yesterday. The CBI said it would be churlish not to admit that Labour had made major shifts to accommodate the concerns of business people. Even the right-wing Institute of Directors, while having reservations about the minimum wage and the Social Chapter, welcomed Labour's commitment to business and especially to small businesses. The 90,000 strong Federation of Small Businesses said that concerns over the minimum wage and the Social Chapter were now outweighed by Labour's help for small employers and that five million small business votes were now "up for grabs". Is there any greater outward sign of the changes imposed on the Labour Party, so used to playing the role of the Devil in its dealings with small businesses, than the sweet nothings now being mouthed between them? It is not (yet) true that Labour has exchanged its cloth cap for a bowler hat, but it is determined, as no other Labour Party before it, to work

with the grain of industry.

If Labour wins the election it will result in the most seamless transfer of power in recent memory. Of the six pledges made yesterday by Mr Blair as the basis for a partnership with industry. five (macro-economic stability, adequate infrastructure, reduced red tape, improved skills and completion of the Single Market) would be endorsed by the Tories even if they haven't been very successful at achieving them. The sixth pledge — addressing the economic costs of social divisions — could turn out to be the defining difference but

TONY BLAIR has all but succeeded in | businessmen, may have to wait until proposals were so geared to the language of businessmen that the Arts were referred to as "cultural industries". Where there are commitments to intervene (for example, the promotion of tourism, optical fibre networks and tax reforms to boost film production) they have arisen from requests from the industries themselves rather than being imposed from above. Even the long-term pledge to lower the starting rate of tax to 10 per cent (see below) seems motivated by a desire to change the tax image of the party rather than to help the poor. The late Lord Joseph argued that Labour was the party of the producer and the Tories of the consumer. That is probably still true. The difference now is that Labour has stopped pretending that it knows better than industry what is good for it.

This is a profound change in the nature of Labour which many traditional supporters have yet to take on board. It is also highly risky because non-interventionism will only succeed if industry has enough faith in Labour to invest for the future. But if it succeeds then Labour will have the means to become redistributive again. The potential returns from macroeconomic stability - like higher growth and lower unemployment — are greater than from eclectic intervention. If the Tories hadn't totally mismanaged two recessions they wouldn't be in their present dire fiscal straits. If Labour can achieve sustained non-inflationary growth then it will generate tax revenues enabling the party to have a meanout to be the defining difference but ingful debate about redistribution. members of the Labour Party as well as Without growth, all bets are off.

How not to help the poor

Tax cuts benefit the higher paid, not the really needy

fair? Yesterday Gordon Brown insisted low paid is to lift more of them out of a Labour Government would provide tax altogether by raising tax allowmore help to the low paid. Penal mar-lances, Four deca ginal rates for the low paid — generated by in-work benefits plus tax -- would be tackled. In contrast to Conservative plans to abolish capital gains and inheritance tax, Labour has set its eyes on the longterm objective of "a new lower starting rate of tax of 15p, or preferably 10p in the pound". Put that in your cigar and smoke it Ken Clarke. Labour will aim to slash the current starting rate of tax in half. Moreover, the shadow chancellor - and his leader were ready to say this to a hall of industrialists in London none of whom would have been a lower rate taxpayer. Is this for real?

Hopefully not. This is no way to help the poor - which is perhaps why he chose to deliver such a message to higher paid taxpayers. Remember, the poorest 15 million adults in the country --- the unemployed, disabled, and many pensioners - wouldn't receive any benefit from slashing the starting rate to 10p. They do not pay any tax. For the 25 million who do pay tax, there are better ways of helping them than through such a crude mechanism as lowering the starting rate. At its crudest replacing a 20p with a 10p band - the cost would be £8 billion. Introducing 10p as one of several steps would be much cheaper, but would still lose a Labour government vital resources in a country crying out for better services.

WHO says Labour does not dare to be | The most direct way of helping the with two children did not start paying tax until he was earning average earnings. Now he starts paying tax when he is earning less than 30 per cent of the average. Does Labour really think this is fair? Raising allowances — like lowering the starting rate — would also help the higher paid but this could be corrected by adjusting higher-rate thresholds. Indeed, not only should they be adjusted to ensure the same number are paying higher rates, but there needs to be a top rate higher than

40 per cent too.

Roy Hattersley is right to keep hammering away at the need for Labour to be more redistributive. If only he could persuade the shadow cabinet. No developed state has seen such a brutal widening of incomes between the poor and better off. The gap is now wider than in Victorian times. Margaret Thatcher did not cut taxes but redistributed them between the rich and poor. By 1993, people earning over £50,000 a year had received income tax rebates of £15,000. At the other end, the poor were even poorer — 17 per cent poorer according to the Government's own statistics. It is no use Labour saying it wants to be fair but the voters won't let it because it's untrue. For the last three elections the redistributive parties — Labour plus Liberal Democrats - have outvoted the Tories by 58 to 42 per cent.

The way to curb Britain's fat cats

Don't talk turkey and stop treating them like human beings

READERS of this newspaper will not be eight or nine St James's clubs a day and surprised to learn that Britain is the of whom Eliot wrote "He's a twenty-five home of the fat cats. Except that the cats in question do not sit in boardrooms enjoying lucrative share options or answer to the name of Cedric.

These cats are the four-legged variety and are fat because of food - so much of it that a new survey for Hill's Pet Nutrition reveals that 47 per cent of British cats are overweight. This infelicitous news for home grown moggies compares unfavourably with results from France, Italy and Belgium, whose humans are well known for their love of food but where obese cats are much less

The stout British pussy of today has a long lineage. The survey mentions a cat treated to salmon, trout and prawns every day, inflating it to over the seven or eight pounds average. Such overindulgence recalls TS Eliot's Bustopher Jones, "this stoutest of cats", who ate at

pounder, or I am a bounder.'

British cats are dwarfed by their gargantuan Australian cousins. An unconfirmed report gives the all-time record to Edward Bear, a 48-pounder from Sydney. And the heaviest domestic cat was Himmy from Queensland, who tipped the scales at a prodigious 47lbs.

Fat cats are apparently created by owners who feed them as though they have human appetites. One way of cutting down on this propensity to kill Tiddles with kindness might be to make cat food much less attractive to the owners who buy it. Cat food is sold in flavours which attract humans rather than cats - like salmon, turkey and rabbit. If cat food came as cats seem to this country think animal welfare should have. like it — tins of mouse, frog, sparrow or blackbird flavour - then we might feed them less and thus be able to enjoy their company for longer.





Letters to the Editor

US raids spark explosion Why our childcare policies are still in their infancy

are seeking to justify the cur-rent armed action against Iraq (Clinton wrecks Gulf alliance, September 4) by reference to UN Security Council Resolution 688 of April 5, 1991. That resolution made no reference either to the imposing of No-fly Zones or to any right to proceed militarily against the Iraqi government.
If the UK and US believe

that they cannot win the necessary support of enough Se-curity Council members, then they have no right to take the law into their own hands. Given that, on this occasion, Saddam's armed forces appear to have been genuinely invited into Irbil by one major faction in the tragic

dubious. Malcolm Harper. Director, UN Association of Great Britain and N Ireland. 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL.

THE small war against Iraq is accompanied by an-other small war against dissent. Internal US or British disagreement with these attacks have been absent

Children's hour

WHY pay more licence fees to a BBC which neglects

its young listeners? Neither the BBC Charter nor the

Broadcasting Act (now with

some 300 amendments) pro-

tects children's listening

rights and they are left hos-

tage to whichever executives

happen into power. These executives claim:

"Kids don't want radio ...

they only like TV and pop!"

Do we also remove fresh fruit

ind vegetables because kids

like fries and pop?
The axing of children's

radio is the most alarmingly

false economy in public-ser-vice broadcasting. Listening is crucial to the development

of imagination, concentration

CATHERINE Bennett is en-tirely wrong to suggest Policy that's neither fish nor

fowl. September 4) that Labour's commitment to ani-

mal welfare is hardly differ-

ent to other parties'. Labour

is the only party committed to a free vote on the abolition of

hunting with hounds. Labour is the only major party that

has spoken out against live

animal transport, and made it clear that if it was legally

possible to do so we would

ban the export of calves to

In close co-operation with

our European Parliamentary

Labour Party we are also committed to the develop-

ment of less intensive live-

stock systems. Labour is the

only party that has called for

reforms of the CAP to give

capital grants to producers in-

vesting in welfare-friendly

systems. We are committed to

reforms for captive, compan-ion, wild, domestic and lab-

oratory animals. We have al-

ready had success in

advocating the voluntary in

tees in research establish

The IFAW made a welcome

donation to Labour because it

wants to see all parties give

the priority most people in

ments and encouraged

welfare labelling.

Elliot Morley MP.

House of Commons

London SW1A 0AA.

Animal Welfare.

Labour Spokesperson for

troduction of ethics commit-

wide range of radical

veal crate systems.

nology rather than the issues of life and death.

It would be harder to smother dissent if the Labour Party had the courage to oppose Major and Clinton. In-stead it takes a position to the right of the French government Let not Tony Blair's electoral chances be impeded by a mere few Arab lives. Ed Horton. 34 Birchfield Close,

Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 5DL.

' IS a characteristic of T IS a characteristic of bullies to surround themselves with self-seeking cro-nies who find shelter under the shadow of the strongest fist. Unhappily the bully is Kurdish civil war in North-ern Iraq, the British backed US action is even more to retain the same sycoalso self-seeking and it will not always be in his interest phants. Just as Iraq was once courted by the US and subsequently ditched, so could Britannia find herself jilted by

her ally. M A Stimson. 31a Knights Park, Kingston. Surrey KT1 2QH.

ICHAEL Portillo said Britain was supporting the US in its attempts to avoid

and communication and, with

primary schools in crisis and

an acute shortage of nursery

places, this most accessible

and cost-effective medium has

a key role to play in learning

support. Licence fees would be bet-ter invested in a Children's

Labour cares | Taking account of the pink pound

(Cashing in. coming out,

August 29), and the letters in

response (August 31), made in-teresting reading, the authors

chose their target wrongly. The Pink Paper is not taken

up solely with "entertain-ment and business news".

though we do have both. We

recently launched a hotline with the TUC to combat

harassment and victimisation

in employment - hardly the work of an apathetic news-

paper. We have tackled gay taboos like misogyny, racism, gay-on-gay sexual harassment

and, yes, political apathy, with similar vigour. Though we are a free

behoven to our advertisers.

Where advertising has been

threatened with withdrawal

by an organisation should a

story go ahead, we have run

But we are a business. How

does Tatchell think we can

make a living — certainly not

by ignoring our readers' in-

terests or by providing him with a free vanity publisher.

Tatchell and the other

whingers are really just nurs-

The Pink Paper no longe

deems Outrage, or other

special interest groups, as

automatically deserving of

Their "zaps" — the most recent being the outing of a

Cabinet minster "as a hetero-

sexual" — ring hollow in a

ing rather bruised egos.

the story.

attention.

ekly newspaper, we are not

Broadcasting Corporation, to London W6.

E are deeply concerned that the UK justness for granted and pre missiles anywhere in the fer to discuss military tech world been humanitarian? world been humanitarian? The latest strikes had nothing to do with the situation in Iraq and everything to do with the situation in America. The cruise missiles were

launched as a cynical election stunt designed to show that Clinton can boss the world. Western powers do not have the moral authority to dictate to the Third World, whether by high-tech missile or humanitarian campaigns. Neil Kennedy, Jenny Swift and Simon Alderson. Schools' Campaign Against

Militarism. c/o 4 Viewforth Edinburgh EH10 4JF.

HE fear now is that the US may attempt to halt proposed "oil for food" con-cessions which would allow Iraq to swap its oil for food

and medicine.
Saddam is the problem, but
the "civilised" world makes children go hungry and suffer the prospect of death from preventable diseases. Are the architects of these sanctions any better than Saddam Hussein?

entertain, educate and inform

young citizens and secure

their rightful place in all

Children 2000: The Children's

Susan Stranks.

Radio Campaign. Chancellor Street,

Roger Goode. Managing Editor,

72 Holloway Road

PETER Tatchell is quite right to say that homosex-

uals are badly served by the free weekly newspapers. All

they are concerned about is

the young reader with a life-

As media officer for the Campaign for Homosexual

Equality (CHE), I find it ex-

tremely rare these days to obtain publicity for CHE's cam-

paigning activities in such

publications. Instead it is

deemed that readers of The

Pink Paper want to know at

great length about develop-

Griffith Vaughan Williams.

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THERE may be a lesson from Scotland. We've been

running gay and leshian cen-

tres for 20 years. In the 1970s

they were staffed by volun-

teers, the cafes run by com-

mittees. In the 1990s, we have

set up charitable manage-ment companies which have

leased spaces in our centres

The political work contin-

ies, subsidised by the rents.

to shops and offices.

Outright Scotland.

58a Broughton Street,

Ian Dunn.

Convenor

ments in Harvey Nichols.

Homosexual Equality.

Campaien for

style to attract advertisers.

The Pink Paper.

London N7 8NZ.

Director.

WHILE Peter Tatchell's from the them-and-us glory criticism about the parlous state of gay activism Roger Goode.

Robert O'Sullivan. Glengarriff Road, Bantry, Co Cork,

HELO CHILDREN.

BACK IN TIME TO 1936

ien and men to reconcile their occupational, family and child-caring responsibilities. Now we will be contributing to the new consultation process "on what a national childcare framework might look like". I anticipate that the main recommendations will not differ from those made previously. Three things that would make a difference, however, are: co-operation and co-ordination be tween the five governmental

departments with an interest in childcare; pump-priming money made available to each local authority which wanted to develop childcare services for those not classed as at serious risk; and the recognition that what the majority of parents want is the real shility to choose how best to pro-vide care for their children.

Director, Working for Childcare. 77 Holloway Road,

September 2) fails to point out is that working full time and being a mother has to be a compromise. All too often, newspapers portray working mothers in a negative way, probably because the exam- acknowledge those not used.

LIZABETH Williams' ac-count of her child's experience with a childminder (Tales of the least expected, (Tales of the least expected August 27) made alarming reading for any parent. But it should be noted that registration requirements for childminders and their families are now far stricter as a result of the Children Act of

The local authority reaction to Ms Willams' allegation is, alas, still very common. The National Childminding Association has recently implemented new procedures to deal with complaints and a conference is planned in No-vember to attempt to bring together a good practice model for local authorities so that parents and childminders know what to expect when an allegation is made.

Carolyn Thompson.

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OUR-and-a-half years ago the UK signed up to the EC Recommendation on Childcare. That recommendation encouraged the development of initiatives which enable

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WHAT Louisa Young

them.

Not all working mothers live such high-flying lives. but still need to work to pay the mortgage, have to leave their children with childminders because they have no-one else, yet still find time actually to enjoy their children because, after financial considerations, they try to put their children first. Lucia Chaplin. 7 Kegworth Avenue

Leicester LE5 4PG. T IS no coincidence that the lonly feminist demands which have been embraced by this government are the ones which benefit employers (Ministers rue gaps in child-care, August 29). The more women in the workforce, the bigger the supply of workers; the bigger the supply of workers, the cheaper their price.

Anne O'Connor. 8 Kitto Road London SE14 5TW.

YOU claim (Leader, September 1) that many more women would work full time if there were more childcare places. Well maybe, but it is also true that many women tho work part-time do so b choice. Furthermore, many who work full-time do so be cause they have no other op-tion available to them in their chosen profession.

Where opportunities exist. many women (and men) consider their children's needs first and fit their working lives around them. Unfortunately most people are denied this opportunity.

Many experienced profes sionals who retrain as teachers do so not because of inadequate childcare, but because they enjoy spending time with their own children. Teaching is one of the fer professions which can accom-

modate this to any degree. If we truly value families then our first priority must be to enable parents of both sexes properly to care for their own children. The world of work can and must accommodate the needs of children, not vice versa. Nicky Conlan. 101 Chester Terrace,

East Sussex BN1 6GD.

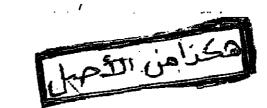
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A Country Diary

............... INVERNESS-SHIRE: The two | was not magical as it is elsecock red grouse walked where in the Highlands. The through the heather until feeling was in my mind they reached a slight mound and then they were away with arched wings over the moorland. Below the rough track the ground sloped steeply away to a scattering of old Scots pine on the bank on a wide burn whose waters tumbled merrily over rounded boulders where the dipper sang. Heather, cross leaved heath and bell heather made a fine show of colour mixed with the leaves of bilberry and crowberry. This was mountain hare country and there were droppings everywhere, including those of roe deer, red deer and pine marten. Beyond the burn the moorland stretched away into the distance. The muirburn left a patchy scene but the strips were small and narrow, giving young shoots for the grouse and longer heather nearby to hide in when golden eagle or peregrine showed. An ideal scene but there was an eeriness about it and a silence that

rather than a reality but birds of prey. There should have been breeding hen harriers in the longer heather, peregrines on the lower cliff and golden eagles on taller cliffs but there were none. This is a notorious black spot in the Highlands where, over tens of thousands of acres. birds of prey have systematically been persecuted — a persecution that persists even in this so-called enlightened age. Golden eagles and peregrines are shot and sometimes their nests burnt out while, with hen harriers. the adults are shot and any chicks crushed under foot in the nest Admittedly this is not characteristic of the Highlands as most people uphold the law but there are still many who think they are above such laws and it is a incidents are only the tip of

the iceberg. RAY COLLIER



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Diary Matthew Norman

Book of the Month emerges. It is Wit, "a collection of quotations collected over a period of 20 years by author Des Mac-Hale". In a press release from publisher Prion, Mr MacHale, a maths professor at Cork's University Col-lege, promises to eat "without seasoning" any more amusing collection than his own (he is even pictured wearing a napkin and hold-ing knife and fork in readiness). Quite a challenge, as a flick through the book makes clear. Woody Allen, Dorothy Parker, Oscar Wilde, Alan Bennett, Noel Coward, Gore Vidal, P.J. O'Rourke . . . all the greats are here. But who's this on page 18, in a chapter on Art, sandwiched between Tommy Cooper and George Bernard Shaw? Yes, it's Adolf Hitler! "Anyone who sees and paints a sky green and fields blue," goes Hit-ler's quote, "ought to be sterilised." Oh, no, stop it. Stop it. Although Hitler has two more entries in the book — he is level with Kingsley Amis and Eric Morecambe, and one ahead

ERY few jokes, even were being cracked yesterday at the Express group, where management withholds the payout due to Sue Douglas, sacked this week as Sunday Express editor: it is laughably claimed that Ms Douglas "resigned" because she refused to accept an "equivalent" job elsewhere in the company. And so, pending legal agreement, Ms Douglas, who is said to be very angry indeed, has been told to sit in her office, doing nothing and allowed to talk to no one. Until now, the major incentive to become a Fleet Street editor has always been the certainty of collecting a huge pay off. If Lord Hollick changes the rules, some observers suspect he may find it hard in future persuading talented people to play with him.

of Virginia Woolf and Wil-

liam Shakespeare — on

leave it there for today.

medical advice, we must

EANWHILE, from the letter to staff from Express MD Stephen Grabiner, outlining the move to a sevenday operation, one sentence leaps from the page. "The Daily Star will be unaffected by these changes." Phew. As Butch says to Sundance, just before they walk out in front of 500 trigger-happy snipers, I thought we

NOTHER potential Book of the Month has arrived, and just in time. It is Debrett's New Guide To Etiquette & Modern Manners by John Morgan . . . just the thing to nudge Peter Bottomley a little closer to polite society. On Tuesday, we sent, by post, the two fine shirts do-nated to Bolmondely Relief by Michael Winner. Nothing has yet been heard from Bolmondely, however, who also failed to acknowledge the previous clothing parcel purchased from Age Concern. "The thank-you letter," writes Mr Morgan on page 171, "is required whenever thanks are due for a present . . . " There, what could be clearer than

EW Labour weenie Deejay Collins is at it again. Deejay, who is 22 and a researcher for Jim Cunningham MP, bom-bards liberal publications with near-identical letters savaging those who dare dispute with the leadership. The latest missive to the Guardian is the usual guff - "Let's get behind our positive message," writes Dee-jay, hilariously raising the spectre of a New Labour Henry Root, "and keep our eye on the ball" — but with one sallent difference: where before The Butchers. the house in Kent where he lives with his parents, was in Tumbridge Wells, it has in the last week moved to Groombridge. A landslide, perhaps?

POTENTIAL ace detective of the future has been spotted in Worcester, where a certain PC Garrett has submitted a report about an unusual theft. "Three racing pigeons (tagged). Grey. wrote the constable in the section on how to identify property. "Can be identi-fied by a 'coo-ing' type

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Togetherness over the tyrant

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Commentary lan Black

MERICANS and Brit-ons might well be two peoples divided by a common language, but when it comes to Saddam Hussein they understand each other fairly well: Downing Street's statement of support came out minutes after news of Bill Clinton's cruise-missile strikes emerged from the Pentagon and conveyed no less than the unwavering loyalty customary on these occasions.

True, landing permission for the returning B52 bombers on Diego Garcia hardly counts as military backing. but it was more than anyone else was prepared to provide. And with the fulsome political And with the fulsome political message, repeated yesterday, it singled out John Major as Bill's best friend — apart from the pollsters predicting a healthy boost to his chances of re-election in November.

This was familian that the This was familiar stuff: the

only complaints were from this side of the pond, and they came from Sir Edward Heath, with more Saddam-hours to his credit than most, worryAmericans a blank cheque. On the left Tony Benn and Tam Dalvell were more concerned about suffering Iraqis and the non-consultation of Parliament where British lives might be at risk over the extended no-fly zone.

But both governments

know that when push comes to shove over the really bad guys — and Saddam and Lib-ya's Gadafy are the usual suspects — automatic and largely undebated British support for the United States is built into a relationship whose only cer-tainty is a periodic and sterile debate over whether the adjective "special" still applies. It is what both Washington and London have come to ex-pect just as Ronald Reagan helped Margaret Thatcher over the Falkands, to the det-riment of US interests in his Latin American backyard, Thatcher suppressed her doubts about domestic opposition (and anger over the inva-sion of Grenada, a Common-

from British bases in 1986. Yet a decade later the emotional bonds are weaker than they were: what worked for Churchill and Roosevelt in the dark days of lend-lease convoys ploughing through U-boat-infested Atlantic waters has not really made sense since Eisenhower pulled the

sanctioned US raids on Libya

and

wealth country)

ing crustily about giving the | zero-sum balances between East and West meant that the importance of the once-central security relationship has diminished hugely. Nato, with 14 other members, is casting around for a new role and looking nervously eastwards. And while Anglo-American intelligence sharing still mat-ters, there are grounds for

calling it an unequal deal, with British taxpayers subsi-dising America's National Security Agency as well as GCHQ, and our spooks com-plaining they still don't get enough secrets from the CIA. Once-unique nuclear ties have been croded too as Washngton, increasingly bluntly, calls the shots. Yet only Britain can be blamed for its continuing pre-

tension to global status. Successive governments have viewed intelligence and the bomb as the crown jewels of the Anglo-American relationship: when Douglas Hurd used to talk about Britain 'punching above its weight' these were the assets he was thinking about, and our anachronistic permanent seat on the UN Security Council. But the ties that bind go far beyond the hotline between Downing Street and the Oval

Office. In recent years a deliberate effort has been made by Britain to emphasise the breadth of the relationship, to compensate for a sense that plug over Suez.

The end of the cold war and than before. And no cost-bene-

fit analysis of Anglo-American links can ignore simple economics: Britain is the biggest foreign investor in the US and attracts 40 per cent of US

investment in Europe.
Yet the paradox is that
America, tilting towards
Bonn and greedily eyeing the
markets of the Pacific Rim,
now wants a Britain that is comfortable with its role in Europe. That message has been received: "The links be-tween Britain and the US are a bond that holds Europe and North America together," Malcolm Rifkind declared when he was last in Washington — a claim that was look-ing distinctly threadbare after the French rejection of the latest cruise attacks.

Britain's policy on Iraq is a good example of how close-ness to the US can be a problem with the rest of Europe and with older friends and clients in the Middle East. But London has closed ranks with Recent rows over unilateral US trade sanctions directed at other "parishs" like Iran and Libya provoked open British anger at the Americans. And Britain conspicuously refused to follow the US line that the ageing Fidel Castro, 40 miles dimensions.

that London and Washington disagree publicly far more than they used to. Long rows over Gerry Adams and Bosnia left nasty scars and confirmed the snooty Foreign Office view that American policy is driven too much by iomestic agendas. Helms-Burton, Kennedy, D'Amato are the bogevmen of our manda-

British eyeball-rolling at American antics combines envy and superciliousness in equal measure. For however flattering it is to be on the

None of that makes Clinton wrong in principle about Iraq. Russia and France, angry crit-ics of the US action, both have strong commercial interests at stake and a record of intimate relationships with Saddam. Their protests about le gality and sovereignty must be seen in that light.

pop psychology. Here is Brit-ain, hankering for togetherness with the Americans, and perhaps even exercising some limited influence, when the chips are down. "Someone has to take the lead and do what is obviously right,' sniffed one FO diplomat.

International reactions

show that "obviously right" is over-stating the case. But the real issue is not whether Britfrom Miami or not, posed a ain should have backed the threat of Saddam-like US over a move that might have been disproportionate and could turn out to be counter-productive. It is whether the long-standing policy of military exclusion zones and sanctions that are starving his people but leav-ing the core of power untouched is enough to defeat Saddam. For five years after the inconclusive end of the Gulf war, no one has yet found a painless approach to the most troubling tyrant of our times. It would be a useful start, all over the world, to admit that keeping him in his

> lan Black is the Guardian's diplomat editor. Hugo Young is away

box is simply not enough

team, we are always, dammit, the junior partner. Sir Peter de la Billière, British commander in the Gulf war, wrote proudly that he had "inflitrated" a staff officer into General Schwarzkopf's head-quarters by the simple expedient of dressing him in an American uniform. It is now over 50 years since we perfect couple over 50 years since we whinged about the Yanks being over paid, over sexed, over fed and over here, but



Francine Stock

OHN'S got one, Bill's got one, Bob and Tony have them too, although Tony's pretty cautious in the way he deploys his. Wives are the political tool du jour. British ones tend to have a nonspeaking role - their main function at public events is the supportive physical pres-ence, the held hand and the all-important eye-line denoting rapt attention during

On Tuesday the Prime Minister began his "Life's Better" campaign in Scotland with Norma Major beside him. Yesterday it was Derbyshire and now they're off to Lanca-shire. Central Office has concluded, as the Republicans and Democrats did long ago, that a man looks better to the electorate if he has a spouse. Byron's moral centaur, man and wife, is just the sort of cross-breed that might appeal. Not sure about him, but she's lovely. What makes it more effective is that, in 1996. she must be there of her own free will. She must really

think he's right. The First Family is still a powerful icon. However sophisticated we may consider ourselves as far as our own personal lives are concerned, however complicated or casual the domestic arrangements around us, a male politician is a fool if he does not recognise that a straightforward enduring partnership is what the voters want to see. (The female experiment is thus far so limited that it's difficult to draw conclusions.) By buttressing Hillary and Chelsea, Bill Clinton stresses a continuity of female support, and brings in a more palatable alternative if his wife's approach is strong meat for some people. If reserved Norma Major

man, it must be important. The cultural and emotional attachment to the nuclear family and the nuclear couple is as strong as ever, whatever 300,000 couples marry each and the strongest condemna-year. Proportionally, that tion comes for those who places more of the population | point up some of its absurdiin wedlock than a century ties. The two gay men who ago. Admittedly, there are are daring to bring up a baby around 150,000 divorces, rating a newly-wed's chance of divorce near one in two. But tracted vitriolic criticism. in Europe, in no way diminishes our enthusiasm for The starting all over again.

takes to the road with her

When politicians feed us images of themselves as fam-

Back to Basics or benefits reform or even caring com-munitarian couples, we baulk. Yet the politicians, pa thetic creatures, are simply reflecting back to us what renering back to us what they know we crave but are unable to achieve. We seek pasteurised perfection in our models. So the Conservatives think there may be mileage in exploiting the idea that Cherie Booth may be too "dominant" in the Blair/ Booth household. But in what intimate human relationship ever forged was one partner not dominant in certain areas, less so in others? Was the Queen Mother thought too 'dominant" during the Blitz? God Bless Her, surely not.

On prime-time television this week a young whey-faced comedian addressed a studio audience. He listed adjectives denoting female allure. The list got racier. He switched to opposites, beginning with "unattractive" and descend-ing into vulgarity and misogyny. His punchline, the final synonym, was "Camilla Parker Bowles". A halitosis roar went up from the audience (or some computer simulation of a gleeful mob).

The demonisation of the Royal Mistress has begun in earnest as rumours circulate that Prince Charles may seek to marry her. Is it constitu-tional? Is it right? Mrs Parker scapegoat for our own mixed attitudes to marriage and coupledom. Millions of papers were sold on the romance; now comes the reckoning. The focus of expectation on Charles and Diana may have contributed to their split, but once the schism was apparent, there was much pious comment on the need to end the hypocrisy of a sham marriage. Now it's over, the prospect of a lone Prince is unsettling. Let's stuff him back into

■XPERIENCE suggests that traditional domesticity does not suit and all. Sex, companionship and romance can easily be obtained outside. Children, there's no escaping the fact, tend to want their natural parents to live together, but if that's impossible they may settle happily with a lone parent, which is the way one in five children live. Yet the driving force for finding new domestic partners is not children but the adult attachties. The two gay men who

The politicians are right. Knock Mr and Mrs all you like; the idea of the traditional couple remains as powiliar ideals, we gag. When they try to formalise personal aphrodisiac, personal and po-relations into policies such as litical, as rhino horn.

Jack Straw argues that the governance of Britain is tainted with centralisation, secrecy as a shield against scrutiny, and unaccountability: this is what a Labour government would do about it

Our secret society

BOUT once a month I hold an in the centre of Amy Blackburn constituency - appropriately for the modern Labour Party, mid-way between the Town Hall and Marks & Spencer.

Once in a while I ask the assembled audience if they can name the chairman of the East Lancashire Health Commission, even offering £5 n the first correct answer. Never once have I had to pay up. Though the offer of the £5 is lighthearted, the point is a serious one. If people do not even know who runs a major public body spending millions of pounds of public money on their behalf, how on earth can they be held to account? A decade and a half ago there were elected councillors, and staff representatives (albeit a minority) who sat on the health authority. They met in public. Today the government of the health service at a local level has moved from being a public matter to a private one. The public's role is passive. They may be asked their views occasionally, or they may complain — after the event — but they have no involvement in the decisions which directly affect them and their To some, constitutional

change is an abstraction, of interest only to a metropolitan elite. But it is my experience as a Member of Parlia-ment for a constituency 230 miles away from the metropolis which has convinced me of the need for change in how this country is governed, as well as in what government

does.

The lack of the public accountability of the health service is only one example of how people's say over impor-tant decisions which affect their lives has over the past 17 years been grievously reduced. Quangos of all kinds now spend more than £60 billion a year. As Dame Elizabeth Anson, former Conservative Chair of the Association of District Councils, said: 'Nobody knows who they [quango members] are; they [quango memoers] are; they don't know who they are accountable to, and yet they are spending more money than the whole of local gov-ernment put together." Government has become over-centralised. In England,

new integrated regional offices have been put in place, but they are called "government offices", emphasising that they are an exercise in further centralisation, not devolution. Despite vapid musings about open government from ministers, their practice has been to use secrecy, and confidentiality, as a shield against scruting. Public employees like doctors or nurses are increas-ingly restricted from speak-ing out on matters of

concern.
One justification offered by



crecy have in turn led to the abuse of power, and great waste. "I can't remember knowingly appointing a Labour supporter, the then DTI Minister Baroness Den-ton (who had made over 800

ted in 1993. All this has meant that trust in politicians, and in government, has never been lower. In a democracy, politi-

quango appointments) admit-

erodes people's confidence in their own ability to improve the circumstances of their

Labour's plans for democratic change are designed to restore trust in the way we are governed. Each of our proposals deals directly with a patent defect in our present

A Freedom of Information
Act will open up government.
All political parties will have
to publish proper accounts
and the source of large donations. A new national statisti-

cal service will be created at arms' length from ministers to re-establish that trust in official statistics without which political debate itself a patent defect in our present is debased. The end of the arrangements. Devolution to right of hereditary peers to say, to hold public bodies properly to account, that our proposals are aimed. The a medical researcher last week for his acceptance of funds from tobacco interests was that his right to publish his results — come what may — was better protected by the last of those professions which and devolve power across | section by the last of those professions which | scotland and wales, to the last and vote in the Lords will properly to the a first step to a more proposals a democratic and representative second chamber. Our citable professions which and devolve power across | six and vote in the Lords will properly to the a first step to a more proposals a democratic and representative second chamber. Our citable proposals are proposals at the bottom of the list of those professions which and devolve power across | six and vote in the Lords will properly to the a first step to a more proposals at the bottom of the list of the proposals are proposals at the bottom of the list of the last proposals are proposals. The proposals are proposals are proposals at the bottom of the list of the last proposals are proposals at the bottom of the list of the last proposals are proposals are proposals. The proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals. The proposal are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals. The proposal are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals. The proposal are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals are proposals. The proposal are proposals are proposal are proposals are proposals are proposals. The proposal are proposals are proposal are proposal

government or other public bodies under the European Convention on Human Rights will be repatriated to the British courts. On the major changes we shall ask for people's approval, not once, but twice -

at the general election, and in separate referenda on devolution to Scotland and Wales, on directly elected regional assemblies in England, and across the UK in a referendum on the best voting sys-To all this, John Major charges that our proposals are the "most reckless and ill-thought-out" of any constitutional proposals put before the British people. In June, Mr Major spoke of "key events" towards "today's modern constitution", each that, the highest divorce rate Meddle with the icons at your one "a footprint in our nation's history" — like progress towards universal suffrage, and reform of the House of Lords". The implication was that it was the Tories who had woven the seamless robe of today's

UT of the six key events in this cen-tury and the last on the road to mocracy, the Tories opposed five. And each time they did so, they used similar bloodcurdling language about the disruptive effect of the proposals concerned.

The Tories opposed both the 1832 and the 1884 Reform Bills — two of three major "footprints" towards universal suffrage, for men. They opposed the introduction of secret ballots in 1872.

In this century, it took two general elections in one year (1910) to force through the 1911 Parliament Act restricting the Lords' power (and therefore the Tories' power) to block budgets and negate Commons Bills. The Tory leader then, AJ Balfour, described this modest measure "as the destruction of [the] constitution of this country

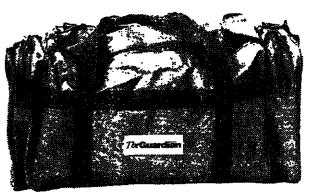
by revolutionary means".

When Labour in the late 1940s wanted to reduce the Lords' delaying power to a year, the Tories fought us all the way, with the Marquis of Salishury claiming that the Salisbury claiming that the Bill would "open the way . . . to all those evil forces which desire to overset free institu-tions", and Anthony Eden, later Tory Prime Minister, describing it as the "clumsi-

est blunder this government has yet committed". Mr Major's hollow lan-guage could have come straight from one of his predecessors as Tory Prime Min-ister, Sir Robert Peel, who said of the 1832 Reform Bill that it would introduce the "despotism of journalism" and "the worst and violent species of despotism — dema-gogues". That Bill did nei-ther. It gave a few more people a say in how they were governed.

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Vagn Holmboe

A forest of music

the most distin-guished Danish composer of his generation and one of the most prolific from any country this

century. He wrote more than 350 compositions - opera and ballet scores, songs for voice, piano and chorus; chamber music and concertos for most members of the standard orchestra. The core of his mature work he suppressed a significant proportion of his output from the 1920s and 1930s — and that on which his reputation principally rests. Jies in his magisterial series of symphonies and string quartets, the two forms he first essayed at the precocious age of 16 and to which he returned over and again throughout his career.
Holmboe was the fourth of

six children. His eldest brother, Knud was a writer and traveller, with whom Vagn shared a questing spirit though not political motiva-tion or tragic fate. Knud was murdered in Arabia.

Murdered in Arabia.

After studies with Finn
Hoffding and Knud Jeppesen
at Copenhagen's Royal Music
Conservatory from 1926-29,
Holmboe made several trips to Berlin receiving tuition from Ernst Toch — although never as a formal student of the German composer. There Holm-boe met his future wife, the Romanian pianist Meta Graf, then a pupil of Hindemith. In November 1933, while on a field trip to Transylvania to study folk music, the couple were married. They set up house in Copenhagen in 1934, Holmboe working as a teacher, music critic and part-time composer, Meta pursuing a career as concert pianist. In 1939, Holmboe achieved his public breakthrough in Denmark when his second symphony won the Royal Danish Orchestra's composition competition, largely thanks to the conductor Egisto Tango, who overruled the selection panel's elimination of Holmboe's score in the preliminary round. The Holmboes built a cottage with

dwarfed by the later, larger domicile, near Ramlose by the shores of Lake Arre. During the next four decades, they planted more than 7,000 trees cycling there every week-end with saplings balanced across their handlebars in the early 1940s and early 1950s creating a small, private forest storms uprooted hundreds of the oldest trees in the 1980s. Holmboe remarked that it felt



Holmboe . . . distinguished and prolific composer

almost as if they had lost their

After 10 years teaching music at the Copenhagen Insti-tute for the Blind, Holmboe moved in 1950 to the Conserva-tory. While there — he resigned in 1965 to devote himself to composition — he taught some of the most eminent Nordic composers of succeeding generations, most no-tably the Danes Per Norgard and Ib Norholm and the Norwegian Arne Nordheim. Norgard, recalling Holmboe's acceptance of him as a pupil, wrote: "I floated home (and in a way am still floating)."

In 1953 the Holmboes made their home at Ramlose. Two years later, Holmboe became a professor at the conservatory and resigned as music critic for the daily newspaper, Politi-ken. He published a number of

ings on music, Mellemspil (Interlude, expanded and translated as Experiencing Music, 1991); Danish Street Cries, a scholarly study - in English - and collection of the vernacular tradition up to 1960 (1988): and, jointly with his wife, Samklang, a collection of Meta's photographs - ill-health around the house. When forced her to give up public piano performances - accompanied only by musical exam-ples selected by the composer

from his own works. Holmboe wrote 13 numbered symphonies, and a Sinfonia in *femorium* (1955), which have all now been recorded, plus three very fine chamber symphonies (1953-70), and the remarkable set of intertwined sinfoniae for strings, Kairos (Time, 1957-62). Stylistically. his first symphony, in 1935 reflected his studies of eastern European folk music that had immediately preceded its composition, but from the second (1938-39) onwards, Holmboe developed a powerfully atmospheric orchestral style com-bining the structural cohesion of Sibelius's later symphonies with a dynamic use of tonality deriving from the music of his great countryman Carl Neilson and from Bartók.

Always an intuitive composer, Holmboe eschewed for mal systematisations such as dodecaphony. In the late 1940s, in the sixth and seventh symphonies, Holmboe evolved his vitally open-ended metamorphosis technique, whereby the musical material of a piece of music -- whether tiny groups of notes ("cells") or larger themes and their logical, organic transformations rather than a traditional format handed down from the classical era, determined the internal structure of the work. This "running process", as he once described it, is most in perfectly described by lines from Walt Whitman's poem Eidolons, which inspired the turbulent, magisterial tenth symphony (1970-1):

Ever the mutable, Ever materials, changing, crumbling, re-cohering.



Just as Holmboe was working out the symphonic impli-cations of the metamorphosis technique, he embarked -with not one but three works - on the series of 21 string quartets that rank with the symphonies as his most sig-nificant musical contributions. He was no stranger to the string quartet as a medium, having preceded numbers one to three with 10 apprentice efforts of which only the eighth (designated "h" in Paul Rapoport's exhaustive catalogue) is known to have been performed in public. In their range of mood and expression, as well as their ex-

emplary craftsmanship, these

quartets, the most recent of

which was completed this

summer, deserve to be ranked

alongside those of Bartok,

Shostakovich or Simpson.

choral music composer, and ome of his most sheerly beautiful music was reserved for the five volumes of Latin motets comprising the Liber Canticorum (Book of Songs. 1951-84). Many of his smaller choral

pieces betray a buoyant sense of fun, as in his settings of the Scots border ballad The Wee Wee Man (1971-2). However. some of the larger choral-and-orchestral works, such as the visionary Requiem for Nietzsche (1963-4), or extrovert fourth symphony, Sinfonia Sacra (1941-5, dedicated to his younger brother Ebbe, who died in a Nazi concentration camp), explore darker vistas. If the playfulness that was part-and-parcel of his creative make-up rarely showed itself | December 20, 1909; died in such major utterances, his | September 1, 1996.

Holmboe was also a prolific | other chamber and instrumental items were not infrequently more unbuttoned, as in the early, neo-classical concertos (modelled in part on the Kammermusiken of Hindemith with whom Holmboe had tried unsuccessfully to study in 1930), the delightful Notturno for wind quintet (1940) or rollicking Concerto

for Brass (1983). But, synthesis above all else was his guiding principle, as can be heard clearly in the eleventh and twelfth sympho nies (1980: 1988), with their magical combination of vigour and serenity so typical of

Guy Rickards

Bob Brown

Our friend in the North

died aged 75, was a life-long servant of the Labour Party. During his lengthy career he was involved at every level of the party, from election agent and borough councillor, to govern-

ment minister.

Born and bred in the Scotswood area of Newcastle, Bob Brown was a man who stayed close to his roots, always promoting the interests of the city, region and people he

He was also a man who showed considerable foresight. In his maiden speech in 1966 after winning Newcastle West, the seat he held for 20 years as both Newcastle West and after 1983 Newcastle North Bob explained that the curse of the North had been "its complete dependence on heavy industry, much of it well-nigh obsolete." He was an early prophet of the need for the industrial North to diversify to survive, to forge itself anew in the white heat of the technological revolution that the Wilson government was

seeking to fire. To Bob this was what politics was all about - the priorities for his community, his region and his nation, not in-ternal ideological arguments. After elementary and tech-nical school, Bob was apprenticed at 16 to the Newcastle and Gateshead Gas company as a fitter and plumber. Following war service in the Royal Signals he returned to work for the company, becom-ing an inspector in 1949, a post

In 1950 he became the constituency Labour party secre-tary for Newcastle West and election agent for the long-serving Ernest Popplewell. Bob held these positions for 16

years and on Popplewell's retirement, succeeded him as Within the party, Bob Brown was positioned in the trade-union centre ground. In the constituency, he was very much a man of the people he

represented, enjoying doorstep crack about politics and football. He also gave his con-

OB BROWN, who has | stituents advice on how to repair their burst pipes. Nationally, he was a passionate advocate of regional government, a defender of the rights of working people, including those serving in the armed forces, and a supporter of a

strong defence for the nation. For his first two years in parliament, Bob continued to act as chief whip for the Labour group on Newcastle City Council. But his shrewd political skills were recogniwith his appointment in 1968 as a parliamentary secretary in the Ministry of Transport under Barbara Castle. In opposition, after the 1970 election. Bob Brown served as spokes. man on the environment, and vice-chair of the trade union group of MPs and of the parliamentary Labour party trans-

port group.
On Labour's return to power in 1974, after a brief spell as an under-secretary of state at the DHSS, again under Castle, Bob began a long and solid performance as the under-secretary of state for the Army. Following Callaghan's election defeat, Brown became vice-chair of the defence group between 1981 and 1983. He then

concentrated on constituency work until retiring from par-liamentary politics in 1987. In 1988 Bob Brown was elected to Newcastle City Council. He became lord mayor for a year in 1994 and remained a council member until his death. Friends and colleagues will remember him as a determined yet friendly man, always sympathetic to he held until he entered those he wryly referred to as the "under-privileged" of the South-east, who did not have the advantage of his Geordie

background. He was a proud president of the Lemington male voice United supporter and a man who most of all loved his family. He is survived by his wife Marjorie, son Roger, daughter Janet and his grandchildren.

Doug Henderson

Robert Croften Brown, politician, born May 16, 1921; died Septem-

I was with him at the

Admiral José Merino Castro

Chile's bloody sticking point

the former command-er-in-chief of the Chilean Navy and one of the key figures in the overthrow of the constitutional regime of Salvador Allende, which lasted from 1970 to 1973. Under General Augusto Pinochet, "Pepe" Merino was a member of the fourman military junta that ruled Chile with supreme powers during the first year after the anti-Allende coup d'état in September 1973. After Pinochet became president, Merino remained the most influential member of the junta.

Like most officers in the Chilean navy, Admiral Merino came from an ultra-conserva tive family and held pronounced anti-communist views. Of all the coup leaders, he held the most extreme views, and prisoners of the Popular Unity regime held in naval camps and ships suffered accordingly.

During the period of the Popular Unity government, President Allende had sought to neutralise the conservative officers hostile to his regime by giving them governmental responsibilities and by generally trying to make them feel useful. Admiral Merino had been appointed intendente, or

DMIRAL José Toribio | navy waged a war against Merino Castro, who | Allende's education reforms left - the MIR - which was particularly strong in the University of Valparaiso.

The final straw for the navv and for Admiral Merino was the discovery that the MIR and sections of the Chilean Socialist Party were seeking recruits within the ranks of the sailors to outflank the coup plotters. Merino, who had ascended to second-in-command of the navy in August 1973, then organised a coup within the navy in early September against the incumbent commander, Admiral Raul Montero, and himself took over as

neous emergence of General Pinochet as army head, these career moves gave the plotters their opportunity. Admiral Merino, acting the part of Lady Macbeth, forced the other conspirators to screw their courage to the sticking point. On Saturday September 8 1973, he sent notes from Valparaiso to the army and the air force commanders, as they attended birthday celebrations in Santiago for Pinochet's

daughter. One read: "This is the last opportunity." The other, to Pi-nochet, read: "Augusto, do not governor, of Valparaiso.
Chile's chief Pacific port and an important naval headquarment... Pepe." In later years. fail to act with all the force of ters. But under his aegis, the lest anyone should forget his



Chile's junta . . . Fernando Mattel, Merino, President Augusto Pinochet and Cesar Mendoza

important role in launching the US navy. Although this the coup, Merino kept the two notes framed in a double-sided

The coup against Allende's government the following Tuesday, September 11, 1973, was launched before dawn in the two naval strongholds of Valparaiso and Concepción. The army and the air force oined in later in the morning. Chilean naval ships had been involved the day before in the exercises that took place off the coast every year — Opera-tion Unitas — with ships from

gave rise to rumours of US in-volvement in the naval aspects of the coup, no real evidence was ever produced. The Americans had done their best during three years to destabilise the Allende regime, and had poured in more than \$8 million of government money for covert operations to that purpose, but the actual coup was a uniquely Chilean event

made an immediate break

element therefore located be-

neath the hen's tail, including

On the day of the coup, Admiral Merino took over reorganisation of the economy. He

with the long statist traditions in Chile, and his advisers called in a group of Chicagotrained economists from the Catholic University. This was virtually the only group of intellectuals in the country that had no connections with the two preceding governments: the Popular Unity and the Christian Democrats. Merino was not happy about the effects of the free market, particularly with the dramatic increase in prices that followed the drastic devaluation of the

escudo in the third week after

The last of the patently weird to be printed in Jackdow but the

diagrams are most definitely

ity if not contempt. Richard Gott

the coup. "We will be accused of killing the people with hun-ger," he observed. But his reservations were swept aside. His finance minister, Admiral Lorenzo Gotuzzo, told him that "the dog's tail must be cut off at one chop." Later, when the policies began to show results, Admiral Merino became an enthusiastic convert to the pol-When the junta's own support ers began to be affected, and people complained about bankruptcies, Admiral Merino talked of the inexorable law of the economic jungle, "a jungle of savage beasts, where he who can kill the one next to him, kills him. That is reality.'

As a naval man, Merino could never have been the jun-ta's leader, but as the intellec tual author of the coup, he was Pinochet's staunchest supporter. He demurred some what when Pinochet made country in 1974, and when the final denouement came in the 1980s, Merino would have preferred Pinochet to step down and to have allowed a civilian president to oversee the moves towards civilian rule. But within the junta, Merino was always solid with Pinochet, joining him in plotting the overthrow of a dissident member, the air force general Gustavo Leigh, in 1978. He was the only member of the junta who dared to call the President "Augusto," and he usually treated Pinochet with familiar-

José Toribio Merino Castro, admiral, born December 15, 1915;

Ian Buist writes: Bernard | Crick's obituary of Bill Macthe first Kenya constitutional sistant secretary. What marked his contribution was not just the wealth of ideas he brought to this task, but the shrewd realism that allowed

Reform Club when Macmilkenzie (August 30) did not lan's "wind of change" speech mention his role as adviser to came over the tapes from Capetown. He at once said to conference at Lancaster me "This changes everything House in 1960 at which I — as here too" — as it did. He also Kanya desk officer at the Co-saw very early the need to of much of Kenya's former White Highlands to more intense farming by African settlers. This massive programme did, until recently, him to perceive what would solve Kenya's long political fly, and what would not.

Birthdays

tist, 73; Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, chairman, National Westminster Bank 60: David Brabham, racing driver, 31; Johnny Briggs, actor, 61; Dick Clement, director and scriptwriter, 59; Richard Dunn, chairman, the Television Corporation, 53; Tracy Edwards, yachiswoman, 34; Dr David Fussey, vice-chancellor, Greenwich University, 53; Dame Elizabeth Hedley-Miller, former senior civil servant, 73; Margaret Howell, fashion designer, 50; Prof Julian Hunt, chief executive, Meteorologi-cal Office, 55; Michael Lees, actor, 69; Albert Mangels dorff, jazz trombonist, com-poser, 68: Doreen Massey, president, director, Family Planning Association, 58; Kevin McNamara, Labour MP. 62; Bob Newhart, actor and comedian, 67; The Rev Canon Lord (Peter) Pilking

Dr Aileen Adams, anaesthe | ton, chairman, Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 63; Mark Ramprakash, cricketer, 27; Jean Rankine, deputy director, British Museum, 55; George Tremlett, author and bookseller, 57; Raquel Welch, actress, 56; Prof Sir Denys Wilkinson, nuclear physicist, 74.

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Beaver boost

OXBOW, NY -- The residents of Sylvia Lake blew up a beaver dam this summer, but dynamite proved no match for America's most industrious rodent. Within four days the beavers had rebuilt their dam, stopping up a crucial outlet and raising Sylvia Lake to problem levels once again. On the Fourth of July, people barbecued on docks under six inches of water. "You come out here, you want to cook your dinner, and you take your shoes off," said Gale Ferguson, a commercial printer who in nearly five decades on Sylvia Lake

had never seen the water so

high. Branding beavers as "the enemy," Mr Ferguson sounded an ominous call. We've played their game for five years," he said. "now that they're winning we have to get serious." Nearly wiped out by trap-ping and farming in the 19th

century, beavers have come "Beavers have no social life," Mr Ferguson sighed. They had 24 hours a day to do this. They're near imposs ble to keep up with." New Yorkers preparing for

war with the annoying over-

achievers. New York Times.

Wormed out

TAPEWORM-TRAP ALpheus Myers Patented November 14, 1854. To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I, Alpheus Myers, MD of Logansport, in the county of Cass and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Trap for Removing Tapeworms from the Stomac and Intestines. The object of my invention is to effect the removal of worms from the system, without employing

medicines, and thereby causing much injury.

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tape worm. Apparatus for recording poultry egg production. Hans Eugen Birch-iensen. patented March 3, 1964. The prior-art fastening devices are unsatisfactory because they do not locate and orient the counter, and particularly its movable input element in a sufficiently steady and exact manner relative to the evacuation opening of the hen, through which the eggs

The invention overcomes hese drawbacks and relates to a holder to be fastened to a hen by means of a harness and adapted to carry a counter having a movable input

a back portion to be fastened along the hen's spine, and a pair of limbs extending from the rear end of the back portion and conformed to em-brace the the hen's tail root. Characteristic for the new holder is that the outer or rea ends of the limbs are fixedly interconnected and prolonge by a pair of arms which are conformed in such a way as to be directed, on application of the holder, downwardly behind the hen's rump and to bear against the hen's body only with their lower parts. Combined grocer's package, grater, slicer, and mouse and fly trap. Robert Martin Gardiner. Patented July 6, 1897. Be it known, that I. Robert Martin Gardiner, electrician, residing at the city of Hamilton, in the country of Wentworth, have invented a new grocer's package. My invention relates to the construction of a grocer's sheet metal box in such a manner as to be useful for other purposes, (after the first contents are removed.) such as a grater, shredder, slicer,

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and mouse and fly trap.

Versed lines

"I LIKE to create each production as a piece of theatre in a way that has never been conceived or imagined before, as if there had never been theatre. Then I will attempt to approach each piece with the avowed intention of making this my goal and salvation of my life, almost if my very sanity lies in solving the nuzzle. This can make for a certain amount of strain because I risk much of my peace of mind, but if I persevere I may enter another area of my imagination which is not programmed by what has gone before, and that can be quite exciting. I bring areas of my unconscious into play, rather than letting them lie dormant like some fetid lake in the base of my skull." Steven Berkoff persuading us

ness. Q magazine.

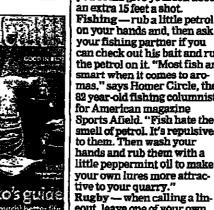
Dirty Harry

clothing, especially yellows and oranges. "Your opponent can't see the ball because it blends with your shirt," says US tennis star. Luke Jensen "It's absolutely maddening." Cycling — next time you're in a close race, put your head down and softly hiss as you approach the finishing line. 'It causes whoever you're riding with to look down and



that there is method in his mad

Tennis — wear really bright



Men's Health . . . dirty tricks

check if his tyre's going flat," says world-class Irish cyclist. Sean Kelly. "By the time he realises it's not, you'll have a big jump on him

Golf — before you head off to the links with your mates. heat your golf balls - say, by wrapping them in a hand warmer. According to Thomas, the hotter the ball is the farther it will travel. On a 16C day, for example, if you were to heat your ball to 32C. you could give yourself about an extra 15 feet a shot.

on your hands and, then ask your fishing partner if you can check out his bait and rub the petrol on it. "Most fish are smart when it comes to aromas." says Homer Circle, the 82 year-old fishing columnist for American magazine Sports Afield. "Fish hate the smell of petrol. It's repulsive to them. Then wash your hands and rub them with a little peppermint oil to make your own lures more attractive to your quarry." Rugby — when calling a lin-

eout, leave one of your own men out and, if the other pack is not particuarly bright and fails to notice, tell the referee that they have one man too many and wait to be awarded a free kick.

Running - there are some songs that, once you hear them you spend hours trying to forget. Get the chorus of Red, Red Wine running round your head and it's sure to drain the joy out of anything you're doing, having sex or running. So, next time you're on a tough run with someone, start humming an annoying song, lodging it in the other guy's mind to distract and irritate him. Our recommendations: the mind-numbing Come on Eileen, or Every thing I Do, (I Do It For You), and if you really want to be horrible, Lady in Red. How to get ahead in sport for those consumed with the desire to win at all costs, in the new

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Lloyd's chief rings in new era after brush with disaster

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DAVID Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's of London, yesterday rang the famous Lutine bell three times to herald the official end to the market's troubles, writes Pauline Springett.
Traditionally it has been

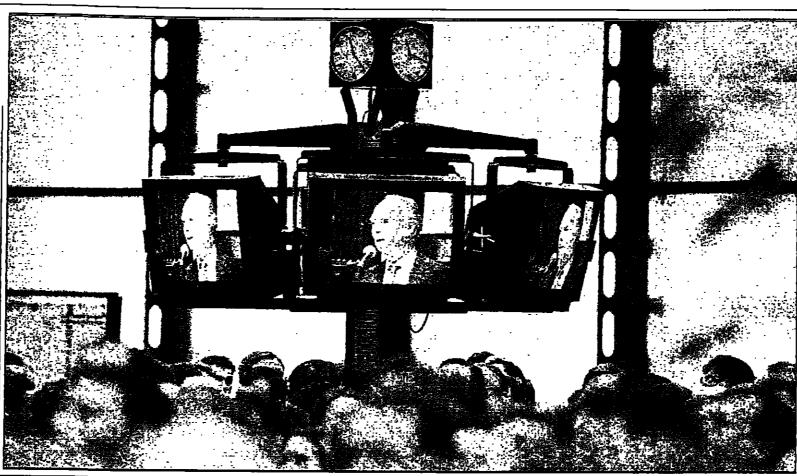
sounded once to signal bad news, and twice for good news, although it is now only used on ceremonial

occasions.

Mr Rowland — seen here
on television monitors in the underwriting room at Lloyd's — was also cele-brating the Department of Trade and Industry's decision to give the green light to Equitas, the reinsurance company which has taken over Lloyd's old loss making liabilities.
Lloyd's almost collapsed

after losing nearly £8 billion in 1988-1992.

Thousands of its Names suffered enormous financial losses as a result. Last week the 84,000 Names overwhelmingly accepted a £3.2 billion settlement offer. PHOTOGRAPH: KEVIN LAMARQUE



High Court freezes assets of suspended fund manager

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Paul Murphy, Richard Miles and Jon Henley in Helsinki

ORGAN Grenfell, the investment bank which suspended dealings in three of its leading invest-ment funds this week, was granted a High Court injunction yesterday freezing the personal assets of Peter Young, the fund manager at the centre of an investigation

into "possible irregularities". the Royal Bank of Scotland, which has acted as trustee to European Growth Unit Trust, the Europa Fund and the Dublin-listed European Capi-

tal Growth Fund.
The suspended Mr Young. who ran the two biggest funds, was believed to be at last night but was not answer- | cash injection into the | institutional investors will | of the biggest fund, the | the process.

ing calls. A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell confirmed the court action, but refused to comment further. As Morgan prepared to re-

start dealing in the funds this morning, speculation over the extent of Mr Young's investments in unquoted companies particularly in Scandanavia -- and an apparent delay in alarm bells going off at Morgan, continued apace.

It become clear vesterday that, in many cases. Morgan's funds exerted near-majority control over numerous unlisted companies, whose stocks made up almost a third of the funds' holdings at the end of May. The Securities and Investments Board limits a unit trust's holdings in a

companies whose stock is held by the biggest MG fund, the £778 million European Growth Trust, confirmed yes-terday that Morgan Grenfell funds controlled substantial

single company to 10 per cent Morgan owns around 25 per Morgan also owns between — partly to prevent a fund cent of the four million shares 30 and 40 per cent of Sintermanager from having an issued by Gradic Wire, a cast, a small high-technology

financial advisers.

undue influence on the share price.

If edgling engineering com company with a listing on the pany, whose managing direction of the pany, who are the pany direction of the pany, who are the pany direction of the pany dir Young acquired the stake in August 1995. He said: "I have been telling everyone what a smart guy he is. If this had not happened, we would have been aiming for a listing

within six months.

Investors prepare to pull out of funds despite £150m cash injection

be far behind, according to through Peps. Peps cannot be redeemed July, clearly states that the in the same way as normal fund was breaching the rules But the pace of redemption will be slowed by the units in the funds if invest through its holdings in three vast number of investments tors want to retain the tax | companies - a Finnish elecprivileges, but have to be held through Personal Equity Plans. It is under transferred to another biotechnology group Microstood that as much as half fund, considerably slowing bics, and Princess Resources,

finance director Paul Assers-son said: "Shares owned by foreign owners are not normally registered, but in our opinion, Morgan Grenfell was a major shareholder out of our 10 main owners.'

Industry experts were astonished that a public warn-ing that something was amiss by General Accident, the insurer which acted as trustee to the European Growth Fund before retiring in June, was

the trust's final report in tronics firm called Efore, a US a Canadian mining concern.

in July. NatWest had refused

Strike threat at NatWest

than the role of Ministers. At present, it is the inconsistent and rampant political abuse of the process which has discredited it. But New Labour is plainly not confident enough of itself to remove competition policy from Ministerial intervention. In the area of company law

to re-open negotiations, de-spite confusion among the workforce on what targets they were supposed to be achieving, the union said. However, a NatWest spokeswoman said the bank ever, there is something deeply mystical about how "voluntary codes" can be given statutory backing. In had agreed to re-open talks with the union, and that the rival BIFU union had already agreed to the changes. She added: "Despite a genuine desire on the part of the bank to reach a positive agreement, than through the Treasury.
This is a sensible idea. But

Muddy thinking ruins courtship



Edited by Alex Brummer

NE supposes it is better for New Labour to have the business community on its side, rather than actively challenging its ideas in the run-up to the election, but this is no reason for the lack of intellectual clarity in "New opportunities for business." A bit of trimming on the minimum wage and the social chapter, two of the bugbears of the business community, will no doubt calm the nerves of some people in the boardrooms, although carp-ing from Sir Stanley Kalms, Lord Sheppard and Lord Hanson et al would continue even if Labour were to swap their

manifesto with the Tories. For a party which appears bold in its approach to constitutional reforms, it is extraordinarily cautious on institutional reforms affecting business. Its position on European Monetary Union, the most important decision it will face within months of coming into office, is preposterously

vague. While France and Germany are busy organising for the euro, in the process disadvan-taging the UK financial com-munity, Labour is promising a "hard-headed look at the economic practicalities." This is like John Major at his most prevaricating best. If Labour's TUC supporters and much of the CBI and City can see the virtues, why not Robin Cook?

Then there is competition policy. Margaret Beckett is entirely right to shift the burden of proof to public interest Morgan Grenfell Asset | funds by Deutsche Bank, its | be first in the queue, but | 2778 million European | The trustee's "report to shareholders," issued with idea of merging the OFT and Monopolies & Mergers Commission and then having a separate appeals body looks like muddy thinking. The MMC already, in respect for instance of the utilities, is already an appeals body. So why destroy it to remake it?

Moreover, the institutional framework of competition

there are hints at giving the best aspects of corporate governance statutory backing in a new Companies Act. which hopefully would ensure that the rules ar adhered to. Howthe City, Labour is plainly backing a strengthened Secu-rities & Investment Board di-rectly responsible for the Fi-nancial Services Act, rather

will happen to all the miniregulators — from Imro to Personal Investment Authority — nor any hint as to whether it favours moving banking regulation into a separate authority. This is hardly the spirit FDR invoked when framing the Securities & Exchange Commission, which has endured as a much admired financial regulator for six decades.

On the tax front, about which Labour has sensibly maintained its silence, the new business manifesto returns to the theme of giving tax breaks to those just inside the tax not the tax net — a repeat of an idea first floated a year so ago. As fascinating is the idea of two-tier capital gains tax, an idea first implemented by Republicans in the US, which gives improved tax breaks to those savers in for the long-term. This is triangulation, on the Dick Morris/Clinton model, at its best.

Twin peaks

T FIRST glance, the latest economic reports from Germany and France would appear to show the two economies diverging, rather than coming together as required by Maastricht. The German economy ap-pears to be on the verge of a mini boom with factory orders higher at 0.6 per cent on the back of some of the large export orders which have been missing.

With order books starting to bulge, the expectation is that the second-quarter Ger-man growth data issued today will show that Chancellor Kohl's government is through the worst.

Contrast this with France, which reported a 0.4 per cent drop in GDP in the second quarter. It, too, may be through the worst: unemploy ment is just coming off its high, consumer confidence is rising and the effect of inter est rate cuts in Germany are

arting to come throug Most importantly of all, the Chirac administration plans to counter Maastricht public breaks. These could help put the struggling Franco-Ger-man alliance back on the upswing of the cycle: essential if the growth required to make the Maastricht deficit criteria possible, is to be achieved.

Telekom gamble

RE German investors About to throw caution to the wind and start investing heavily in shares rather than bonds? The government hopes that the flota-tion of Deutsche Telekom in November will spark off wide-spread interest in owning shares. There is a problem with the generation that experienced the economic collapse the later collapse just after the second world war. That generation values security above all else.

So the government — and the host of financial institutions backing the sale - are counting on a younger generation prepared to gamble with the wealth so carefully there is no clarity on what garnered by their parents.

Nurdin puts eggs Resignation of Olivetti's in Booker basket

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ROUND 2,000 jobs could be in jeopardy after Nur-din & Peacock, Britain's second-biggest cash-and-carry group, yesterday agreed to a £264 million takeover bid from its larger rival Booker.

Booker, which will enjoy a 38 per cent share of the cashand-carry market once the deal is completed, said it would close 40 of the enlarged group's 213 outlets along with various duplicate head office functions.

However, most of the closures are likely to be at existing Booker outlets, since Nurdin's larger sites are expected to cope more easily with the anticipated increase in business following the takeover. Announcing the deal, Book-

er's chief executive, Charles Bowen, refused to say how many of the combined group's 14,000 staff would find their jobs at risk, insisting that a thorough review businesses would have to take place first. But he said that it would be "extremely pessimistic" to speculate that the number of redundancies could be in the 3,000 range.
"There will certainly be redundancies, as these two businesses are very similar."

Mr Bowen also played down rumours that SHV Makro, the rumours that SHV Makro, the privately-owned Dutch retailing group which owns a 14

per cent stake in Nurdin could launch a counter bid. stantial windfall for the Pea-cock family, which holds a 28 per cent stake in the

urites Richard Miles.

Even after a £150 million

company.
Nurdin & Peacock began trading in 1810 selling imported French eggs, and built its reputation during the second world war, when it developed the powdered egg. However, the company has

been hit heavily by increasing competition in recent years, and its reputation was badly damaged by a failed at-tempt to start running US-style warehouse retail 'clubs'. N & P shares jumped 71p to 2011 p on news of the deal, the same level as the cash alter-native, while Booker shares gained 23p to 383p.



chairman lifts shares

day's trading. Pension funds and other

John Glover in Milan

itself for a wave of selling day, the investment man-

when the market opens ager still anticipates that today, despite its assurup to 10 per cent of the ances that dealing in the £1.4 billion assets will be

three suspended funds will withdrawn by nervous in-

resume at normal prices, vestors during the first

Our shares soured yesterday as investors tion of its chairman. Carlo De Benedetti, as a sign that the company would revive after five years of losses. But the mood was entirely

different at the company's personal computer plant in Scarmagno, near Ivrea, where 1.500 employees downed tools as fears of imminent heavy job-losses deepened. Around 6.000 jobs in the area north of Turin depend on the Olivetti plant. Union leaders announced they would call a group-wide one-day strike on Monday. Milan bourse authorities

suspended trading in Olivetti shares for 45 minutes yester day morning after they jumped almost 13 per cent to 799 lire, exceeding trading limits. They later fell back, closing just over 3 per cent up

The creation of a fund of 200 billion lire (£86 million) to close its PC manufacturing business — largely respon-sible for the losses. However, some observers warned vesterday that probdeeper than just the PC

lan King

ORE than 1,000 staff at NatWest Life, the life assurance arm of

halloted for industrial action tomorrow following a breakdown in pay talks between the bank and the NatWest Staff Association.

of NatWest's regulated sales force, would be paid. NatWest wants to introduce a system in which salaries are linked to sales targets. According to the union, the sys-tem means that if staff fail to

members found 90 per cent in favour of a ballot for industrial action over the issue. Rory Murphy, general sec-retary of the NWSA, said that over 70 per cent of staff would not be able to achieve targets imposed for 1997, which could The dispute centres on proposed changes to the way in which the staff, all members find the proposals totally unacceptable, and we would en-courage NatWest to think again. We've had streams of

nary consultative ballot of

hit their targets, their salations on the matter with Bristies would progressively fall tol-based NatWest Life started in February, but broke down

people leaving over this, lots reach a positive agreement, of them poached by the the NWSA does not currently

competition." feel able to give the change its support."

Turkey trots behind Telekom debt

Nicholas Bannister **Technology Editor**

DEUTSCHE Telekom, due to be privatised later this year, is the world's 24th largest debtor. billion lire (£86 million) to owing more than the country of Turkey, according to a report published sector" has been taken to mean Olivetti plans to sell or mean olivetti plans to sell telecom analyst, said the German group's \$67 billion debt was partly the result of the \$33 billion it had spent upgrading the East

German telecom network

after unification.

be more volatile as a result of the huge debt level which left the group with "less of a buffer for shocks". BT, by comparison, has net debt of \$1.4 billion and France Telecom, which is expected to be floated in the first half of next year, \$16.5 billion.

The BZW report, one of the first independent as-sessments of the German telecom group, takes a cautious line on the value of the group, pointing out that many unresolved issues, such as the price regime, could dramatically affect He said valuation of Deut- | the final share price.

group's equity could be worth between DM26 billion and DM54 billion after flotation.

The group had two hid-den strengths. It had higher revenue per line and stronger line growth than its European competitors. But the group would be forced by regulation or competi-tion to reduce prices. A key decision for the

group's management will be how quickly it reduces the debt mountain. Mr Millington said there was a danger that it might fritter away its cash flow on foreign investments.

Construction industry back in recession, surveyors warn

THE construction industry | the sluggish response of is back in recession according to the Royal Institute | market recovery. of Chartered Surveyors, which issued the warning in advance of government construction figures due to be published tomorrow. writes

Sarah Ryle. Despite optimism that the revival in the housing market will improve construction firms' profits, RICS said that

a further 40,000 jobs would be lost this year. RICS blamed the failure of the Government's Private Fi- ments resulting from nance Initiative to replace National Lottery related funddwindling publicly funded in-

Although chartered survey ors questioned by RICS were optimistic that the industry would improve, the institute said their positive outlook had been influenced by a handful of large construction

The institute also warned badly damaged during the past few years that it may not be able to cope with improve dwindling publicly funded in-vestment quickly as well as any future PFI successes.

New wave of sminting sends market prices through roof

the most extraordinary scenes dented scale sent prices

YESTERDAY saw some of as sminting on an unprece-pletely out of control.

At the outset, rumours of Before long, the markets were were seen throwing little blue

ever on the stock market floor piralling upwards and com- sminting began to filter in reacting with unstoppable from Tokyo and Hong Kong. force, as hysterical dealers

several times over. Albert E. Hatt, the Governor of the

rectangular packs into the air situation but in reality it was a and shouring "buy, buy, buy!" futile gesture in the eye of the All dealing was finally hurricane. The markets are suspended when the FTSE due to open again as normal burst through the 10,000 this morning; but can things barrier. Grown men wept ever be normal again after 24 openly on each other's shoul- hours in which the entire ders as they realised they had global financial infrastructure become instant millionaires was well and truly sminted?

It seems most unlikely.



World Bank tried to calm the Makes your mouth a much nicer place.

Labour wants captains of industry to tip the balance. Larry Elliott and Simon Beavis report Cadbury might



Under control . . . Tony Blair, with deputy leader John Prescott in the shadows, wants the business world to endorse his policies

has been put into wooing

business. It was a process

started by Jonn Smith before the April 1992 defeat when, armed with a glass of dry

white wine, he marched into

the City to convince the sceptical that Labour could be

stunning victory with the

the leading business groups.

At these gatherings an ener-

getic and amenable Tony

Blair has eclipsed Govern-ment ministers.

In addition. Labour has cre-

'We can do business'

Labour's autumn political offensive was a far cry from the policies advocated by the party on the last occasion it

managed to win an election. In 1974, Tony Benn was Industry Secretary and his diaries recall how he gave short shrift to Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman of (the then) nationalised Rolls-Royce when the industrialist said he had been asked to run the ailing company by Ted Heath and didn't expect to be "buggered about by junior ministers, civil servants and officials". Benn replied that his au-

thority derived from the electors of Bristol South-east and from the Prime Minister, add-"While I'm in charge I will not accept the chairman of a nationalised industry indicating to me that he will not be mucked around by junior officials and civil servants Rolls-Royce is a nationalised industry and it must be accountable for what it does."

Times change. Although a former Benn disciple from the 1970s. Margaret Beckett, is now shadow industry secre tary, almost everything else about Labour's approach to

business has changed Compulsory planning agreements and the extension of nationalisation have gone.

— and the language is different. too. Labour politicians these days refer to business leaders as risk takers, not as the "most arrogant rightwing Tory boss". Benn's pithy description of Keith. As Tony Blair summed up

HE love-in with that it is unhealthy for our business held yes political life that one party terday to launch should be supported by busi-Labour is increasingly seen as a party with whom you can do business."

The new thinking has echoes of Clinton's America. particularly the strategy of triangulation, in which the President cherry-picks the most voter-friendly ideas from both the Democrats and the Republicans. It recognises that old battles have been lost, but that the drift away from the free-market excesses of the late 1980s has given parties of the left room to peddle their message of working together in an atmosphere of mild interventionism.

This is not a new message It is the message of 1992 repeatedly repeated in the hope that it receives vital endorsements from the business

Manifest change

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aid is granted

Labour's changing policies on privatisation

1974

Extension of public

sector where most

shipbuilding, aerospace

into public ownership...

needed' - ports.

THE PLEDGES

Set tough rules for government spending and borrowing, ensuring low inflation and strengthening the economy to keep interest rates low ☐ Take a central role in a Europe that is anti-protectionist

Raise standards in all schools and give workers chance to learn new skills ☐ Back small business, improving access to finance and information, and

taking tough action on late payment ☐ Improve competitiveness through a new partnership between government and business, including a revitalised private finance initiative

chairman of Arjo Wiggins. | manifesto of full-bodied | munition for Labour when the Tories roll out such sunporters as Lord Hanson and Dixons chairman Stanley Kalms

Neil Kinnock could have done with similar endorsements in 1992 but got none, even though all the main decisions had already been taken. With the exception of 1983, when the dramatic emercommunity. Yesterday's gence of the Liberal-SDP Alliselective approach to the boost was that Cob Stenham, ance, produced a Labour Maastricht Social Chapter.

Begin return of

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the paper company, was backing Blair. This is useful amsteady dilution. Faced with the expense of

reversing privatisation, the option of re-nationalisation went from social ownership to tougher regulation to the imposition of a windfall tax on utilities. Labour went from a pledge to repeal trade union curbs to partial repeal to a position where unions will have to fight for any extension of their powers and a

Social ownership of stakes in

privatised companies starting with

Government's residual 49 per cent

in their decisions. Shares in British

used to ensure proper influence

Gas to be converted to

holding in British Telecom - this will be

Both the 1992 manifesto and the new paper stress a stable macro-economic environment, low tax, low inflation and steady interest rates. Both promise only light intervention — not bucking the market, but making sure it works properly.

Privatisation is dealt with promise of tax cuts. Front-benchers have toured the country speaking to in both documents with promises to toughen regulation of the privatised utilities. Only the promise of a windfall tax really sets the 1996 document almost every chamber of com-merce. visiting workplaces and boardrooms and eagerly taking up invitations to speak

slightly apart. at the annual conferences of

> ated a more private arena Stronger regulation the Industry Forum — in of privatised utilities which to court industry, from the top echelons of the CBI to smallest start-up company. In previous elections, the clarion call from business has been, "Vote Tory. You Know It Makes Sense." Labour





be sweetest as an also-ran

Outlook

Lisa Buckingham

ADBURY Schweppes, the sweets and fizzy drinks company, is hard to knock. Yes, there have been takeover rumours, but more because Cadbury looks like a plum rather than the fact that its management is in danger of losing its way. Half-time figures from the

group yesterday, which showed profits up 12 per cent despite heavy duty competition from some of the largest consumer companies in the world, such as Coca-Cola and Nestlé, appeared to underline the point. And chairman Dominic Cadbury added to expectations by predicting a rosy outcome for the full year. Shares dutifully responded by rising 9p to 520% p, the best result for a while.

Unlike many other British corporations. Cadbury has made acquisitions in America, such as Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, which look to be fulfilling their promise. Dr Pepper's sales outpaced growth in the strong US market, while Seven-up managed a 2 per cent sales increase despite strident price-cutting compe-tition from Sprite, owned by Coca-Cola, which added to the pressure by dumping a couple of Cadbury brands from its bottling system.

Yet after a 200-year track re cord, aided by Britain's erst-while empire ties, Cadbury still has its nose pressed against the door of the first division of soft drink and confectionery companies.

It is number three, after Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, in terms of carbonated drinks trusted with the economy. Since then, business has been besieged by Labour but there is an almost un-bridgeable gulf between being number three and one of the helped by the Tories' incompetent handling of the econo-But Labour has realised two majors in this \$120 billion that depending on John Ma-(£77 billion) a year market. Cola may be growing more slowly than other fizzy drinks, but Cadbury would ior's record of incompetence is dangerous sport. Succes sive elections have proved have to break the marketing that Tories can turn a shabby sound barrier to creep up on Parliamentary session into a

> 40 per cent share. The British company recently signalled its intent to concentrate, where possible on the higher-margin "brand owning" side of the business by selling out its share of the UK joint venture bottling operation with Coca-Cola.

Coca-Cola, with a more than

That netted £622.5 million, much of which will be used to cut the company's £1.6 billion of debt, which will leave it comfortably positioned for more acquisitions, albeit not necessarily on the scale of D Pepper, which cost it \$1.7 billion last year.

There lies the rub. Cadbury says it wants to be the num-

ber one "non-cola" soft drinks group, and it also wants to be number three in the world confectionery league table by the end of the decade.

But both involve large in-

creases in market share. which analysts think will require sizeable acquisitions. In soft drinks, Dr Pepper was the last decent-sized target to go for. In confectionery, there are smaller companies shey, Ferrero and Lindt __ but ownership complications mean they are, to all intents

and purposes, unavailable Cadbury argues that high investment — it is expected to spend more than £700 million on marketing alone this year will provide the necessary growth from markets such as Russia and India.

But City types look at Cad-bury and argue — helped by the fashion for demergers that there are no benefits to be gained by holding both parts of the company together. Supported by theories that brand companies have to be number one or two to prosper, they contend Cadbury will have to pull out of drinks to have the money to catapult itself into the big league for confectionery. The company's incoming chief executive. John Sunderland, has grown up on the sweets side and may be tempted to en for bust in the field he knows. But, with a far from unhappy recent track record. Cadbury could do worse than content itself by cutting a decent living as an also-ran in two of the world's fastest growing consumer sectors.



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News in brief

EC and Germany in VW compromise

THE European Commission and the German government yes terday backed away from an all-out confrontation over state subsidies paid to Volkswagen that were considered illegal by Brussels. Competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert said the two sides agreed on a compromise allowing the German car maker to keep DM91 million (£39.5 million) in aid it has already received from the eastern German state of Saxony, even though the commission has ruled the money illegal under EU rules. However, Bonn won't pay a similar amount of aid that VW had been due to receive in coming months.

Bonn's commitment to freeze future aid meant the commis-

sion would no longer seek an injunction from the European Court forcing VW to repay the money to Saxony, Mr Van Miert added. The commission will still ask the Luxembourg court to rule on the legality of the Saxony payment, but a decision could take years. — Julie Wolf in Brussels

No Refuge from pressure

REFUGE Group yesterday bowed to pressure from rebel share-holders and agreed to alter some of the terms of its proposed merger with rival life assurer United Friendly. But the move failed to appease the merger's most vocal opponents — Perpetual and First Marathon — who both said they would probably still vote against the deal because the new terms did not appear to go far enough. The rebels argue that Refuge shareholders will lose out because Refuge's surplus funds, known as orphan assets, may

have been undervalued by £400 million. Refuge's chief executive, John Cudworth, said that assurances would be given to Refuge shareholders that they would receive additional payouts if the Department of Trade and Industry alters its ruling on the orphan estate in the future. Mr Cudworth said the vote on the merger will now take place on September 26, not September 9 as originally planned. — Pouline Springets

BTR sells Tilcon to Irish

BTR yesterday continued the rationalisation of its sprawling business with the £212 million sale of Tilcon, its American building materials arm, to Irish group CRH.

BTR, which is looking to sell around a fifth of all its businesses following a wide-ranging strategic review, has now raised over £700 million from sales in 1996. CRH reported a 13 per cent rise in alf-year, pre-tax profits to Ir£64.1 million. — *Ion King*



"What would it be like to be a goldfish? In the quest to answer this most pressing of questions, a human couple have gone on display in a glass cage at a zoo in Copenhagen."

Print chief fears the worst

THE BUSINESSMAN/Sarah Ryle finds Labour's message not getting through

HEN the Labour | Rose and many of the 1,200 | had sticky moments. It has | Labour's own brand of Party sent its emis- other members of Bedford's | had to rationalise in the training in the workplace sary to the business community of Bedfordshire, the chairman of the chamber of commerce. Charles Rose, was on holiday. He does not appear to regret it. He cannot even remember the MP's, name only that he halled from around Wolverhampton.

As Tony Blair and Gor-don Brown wooed the bigger business leaders in London yesterday. Mr Rose, the inheritor of a small print-ing firm in Bedford, pondered the Labour message for people like himself. He acted like a man who was braced for the possibility of a Blair victory rather than one who was going to be carried along on the cur rent wave of schmooze.

"I've actually got money on the Tories winning the next election," he confessed. "I got odds of 16-1." Yesterday, William Hill was offering 7-4 against the Conservatives winning an outright majority so he got a good deal.

Sipping Earl Grey tea from a Chelsea football club mug, Mr Rose argued that Labour was not what it purported to be. He said there was the image, the new Labour which claimed to believe in the marketplace, but that the reality was different.

"We had Ken Livingstone come to talk to us a few months ago and he said he believes in markets now. That got a good reception. But it was all about regulation and legislation.

Regulation and legisla-

chamber of commerce, "It is all about competition." be said. "It's taken 10 years, but I now have so many telecom companies trying to sell me services at tremendous rates. I would privatise the Post Office like a shot.

Unlike the postal workers, the staff at Mr Rose's company. EF Taylor, have never taken industrial action, he proudly noted, despite the firm's proximity to the headquarters of the GPMU, the printers' His company, which

makes cartons for products from Elastoplast and aspiminimum wage, Europe's rins to fancy toiletries, has social legislation and

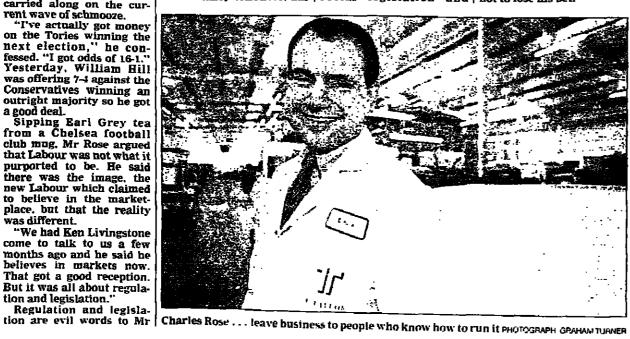
face of computerisation but it rode out the last recessions and has an annual turnover of £7 million. For a tight operation reg-

ulation brings costly red tape. Mr Rose did not believe that Labour would be able to resist creating more of it. "Government should leave business to the people who know how to run it. That is the Conservative philosophy, it is not

Labour's. He argued that this is what is keeping the business community on its minimum wage, Europe's

The minimum wage itself did not worry him. He said his firm earned less than £4.50 an hour. "A minimum wage will push up all pay." he argued. He could not understand why British employers

would want to vote for a party that would accept the European social chapter conditions. These, he said, would increase their labour bills instantly. His only hope for Labour was that is would maintain stability in the economy; keep regulation to a minimum and keep its word on education. But then, his real hope was not to lose his bet.



Sweeping roads is ultimate prize

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able pre-election ploy to

Labour-supporting mature

students. They recount jobs

paying £2 an hour — and less.

"The mother goes back to work and immediately loses

lots of benefits like free nurs-ery provision for the kids, housing benefit free prescrip-

tions, and much more," recounts Mariana, who has brought up four children. "Sadly, people decide they are

Or, perhaps, working in the "black economy", and varying the route home each night — from barmaiding or clean-

ing, perhaps — to avoid detec-

Syad Hussain, however,

would like to think Labour

can deliver. As a waiter, he was until recently earning "slave rates of between £50

and £70 weekly" - with tips

thrown in if he was lucky.

more people on their feet," he

says.

But without minimum

wage legislation, some think

Paying less tax would help

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THE JOBLESS/Peter Hetherington talks to disillusioned students in Newcastle

anything — child care, travel subsistence, ounselling and the inevita ble benefit advice — to attract students to the "preparation for work" course at the John Marley Education Centre. What they can't do is make

wage rates sufficiently attrac-tive to lure the jobless from welfare to work. For many, a vacancy for a road sweeper, at a weekly rate of £210, is considered the ultimate prize "Everyone wants it because they think that's a really good wage — there's a great deal of cynicism about employment offers around here," says a lecturer, while her small class considers the merits of Labour's eventual aim for a 10p or 15p starting rate of income tax.

Naturally, everyone at the centre, in the west end of Newcastle upon Tyne, wants to pay less tax. "If I thought they could achieve that it would certainly swing my vote," says Mariana Ward, to hollow laughter from her fellow students, like Cassius Kallow. "Labour is not going to change anything — not this Labour Party anyway." he interjects scornfully.

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Cool Graf puts all her worries aside

Stephen Blerley at Flushing Meadow

TEFFI GRAF yester day reached the US Open semi-finals for the 11th time in 12 rears. It is as if she does so by habit. Austria's Judith Wiesner exerted as much pressure as she could muster but she could have done with a little more of her compatriot

Thomas Muster's devil Graf won 7-5, 6-3 and Wiesner, who has never reached a Grand Slam semifinal and never beaten Graf in likely youngsters to break 10 meetings, paid tribute to into the top 10 in the next cou-10 meetings, paid tribute to the German's powers of

"I can't think of anyone having a more difficult time than Steffi. I am amazed anybody can shrug off all that stuff." she said. These are indeed immensely difficult times for the women's joint No. 1, whose father Peter goes on trial for tax evasion today.

Graf's great strength, apart from her talent, is her ability to put her off-court problems aside. The emotions often bubble to the surface afterwards, no matter how hard she tries to suppress them, but she continues to love competition. It is undoubtedly a

She has not been playing particularly well here so far, hanced by a first serve that although nobody has really has quickened appreciably extended her. Clearly at odds but remains erratic. Edberg. with herself, she was shaking who next plays Goran Ivani-her head and fretting at an sevic, likened Henman to "a array of unforced errors as mini Sampras" though add-Wiesner, who had beaten the ing that the British No. 1 was

fifth seed Iva Majoli of Cro-atia in the first round, led 4-2 in the first set, but this concentrated Graf's mind all the

"I hope I can go on to the semis before I retire," said Wiesner, 30, who reached her first Grand Slam quarter-final at Wimbledon this year after nine years of trying.

Peter McNamara, the

English-based coach of the the huge-serving Mark Philip-poussis, believes that the 19-year-old Australian belongs with Britain's Tim Henman, 22 tomorrow, among the most ple of years. He is hoping to bring them together this month, after their Davis Cup commitments, for a week of

training and practice.

This is assuming Henman has shaken off his groin problem. He is out of next week's Bournemouth Open but hopes to be fit for the cup tie against Egypt on September 20. Hen-man and Philippoussis were both obviously disappointed to lose their fourth-round matches against Stefan Edberg and Pete Sampras respectively, but everybody on the

circuit recognises the progress they have made this year. They are quite different players. Henman is developing a fine all-court game, en-

'one level below as of now' What makes Henman such an exciting prospect is that he has the temperament to go with his undoubted ability. "Tim can only get better and he will," said his coach David Felgate, a view endorsed by John McEnroe.

Henman was not prepared to blame his groin injury, which needed treatment in the fourth and final set against Edberg, for the defeat. It was sore and uncomfortable but it really did not affect me," he insisted. Those who saw Philippous-

sis beat Sampras in straight sets in the third round of this year's Australian Open rate it one of the most remarkable performances of the past 50 years. The Australian, who like Sampras is of Greek de-scent, played with such intense power and unerring ac-curacy that the American No. 1 was simply swamped.

Yet when they met again, in the second round at Wimblewhat to expect. His concentra tion was absolute and his game as tight as the strings of his racket. Philippoussis lost in straight sets, and did so again here under the floodlights.

Philippoussis refused to compromise, going for win-ners off virtually every stroke including his second serve, which was frequently timed at more than 100mph. He will learn, just as Henman is learning and progressing.

Smash and Grab, Q2



Nice try . . . Judith Wiesner led Steffi Graf 4-2 in the first set, but to no avail OSAMU HONDA

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Monty can top the list

who only ever wants to win, can relax his high standards just a tad this week, writes David Davies in Crans-sur-Sierre.

The Scot, keen to be European No. 1 for the fourth successive year, can settle for second in the Canon European Masters starting here today and still knock his fiercest rival, Ian Woosnam, off the top of the

play, even though this is one of the ricbest events on the tour — prize-money is £768,000 and the first prize £127,950 — and Ryder Cup points are being awarded. He is saving himself for a

succession of big-money tournaments, with £3 million available in prizemoney this month alone. The Welshman knows that if he were to win two of the olvo rankings. next six 72-hole events, that Woosnam, who leads by alone would practically see

OLIN Montgomerie, | £68.057, has chosen not to | him into the Ryder team for | there have also been some Valderrama. This year sees the 50th anniversary of the Swiss Open which is incorporated in this event. For most of its history it has been held at Crans, on a plateau high

in the Alps. There have been some good winners over the years — Bobby Locke, Kel Nagle, Dai Rees, Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Price, Nick Faldo, Jose Maria Olazabal and Woosnam - and

less-than-vintage years. Chris Moody won his only tour event here, as did Jamie Spence and Jeff Hawkes, and last year Mathias Gronberg shook everyone, including him-

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self, by winning. Another winner here has become a quiz question. Which player holds the record for being most under par over 72 holes on the European tour? The answer is the Canadian Jerry An-

derson, who in one sublime spell in 1984 got round Crans in 27 under par. He has subsequently sunk

without trace.

Montgomerie will start favourite this week, but he was overwhelmingly so in 1992 when he led by five shots after three rounds, meaning that a round of 70 - easily accomplished here — would have won him the title. Instead he took 71 and

finished behind Spence and

Anders Forsbrand.

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Racing

Split ban gives **Eddery green** light for Leger

Chris Hawkins

AT EDDERY will be able to ride Dushyantor in the St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday week decaster on Saturday week decaster

caster on Saturday week de-spite picking up a two-day ban at York yesterday. In a retrospective enquiry Eddery was suspended for ex-cessive use of the whip on Eva Luna in the Galtres Stakes at the Eher meeting Stakes at the Ebor meeting two weeks ago.
Fortunately for Eddery.

under the rules he is allowed to split the ban, meaning he will be sidelined on the day before the St Leger and the

following Monday. Eddery hit Eva Luna 14 times after turning into the straight but kept getting a res-ponse from the filly who had a battle royal with Time Allowed and won by a head.

It was a stirring finish and without Eddery's assistance it is doubtful if Eva Luna, who ran green, would have won. There was no question of misuse of the whip and this is another case of a jockey being penalised for trying too hard. Dushyantor is 7-2 favourite with Coral for the Leger followed at 4-1 by his Great Vol-

tigeur victim Mons. Mons rallied well in a slowly run race, creating the impression that Dushyantor might have been coming to the end of his tether although on breeding he has a fair chance of staying a mile and three-quarters being by Sadler's Wells out of Oaks second Slightly Dangerous

I have heard doubts expressed about the ability of Sadler's Wells (average winning distance of progeny 11.5 furlongs) to get horses that stay beyond a mile and a half. But this champion sire, who stands at IR£100,000 a throw, has had winners at two miles and more although admitedly mainly older horses.

His three-year-olds to win at 14 furlongs or farther in recent seasons have been Istabraq, Well Beloved, Jundi, Brumon and Saint Keyne. Of course there would have

tried at such distances but it

is not fashionable, nor are there comparable opportuni-ties, to race horses beyond a mile and a half.

Frankie Dettori expects to ride the 10-1 chance Shantou in the Leger, although he has the option of Sharaf Kabeer on whom he won the March Stakes at Goodwood. Sharaf Kabeer is a big, handsome colt but is still thought to be something of a baby.

Nothing much went right for Eddery at York yesterday. He failed to ride a winner after his brush with the stewards and was beaten on two favourites.

One of the most impressive winners of the afternoon was Options Open in the Lawrence Batley Handicap.

Lynda Ramsden has him in particularly good form at the moment and the colt had no trouble in confirming his victory of two weeks ago over Double Splendour despite being 51b worse off.

Options Open picked up a 7lb penalty for the Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup but that is the target. He was cut from 14-1 to 10-1 by the sponsors.

Another to incur a big-race

penalty was Jiyush who advertised his Tote Cesarewitch claims with a determined victory in the Batleys Cash & Carry Handicap. Ladbrokes slashed him

from 25-1 to 16's but Henry Cecil's Canon Can is the favourite at 8-1 (only 5-1 with the sponsors) having escaped a penalty for an easy win at Pontefract over two and a quarter miles on Tuesday. Canon Can has only 7st 9lb

in the big Newmarket handicap, the weights being headed by the Martin Pipe-trained Daraydan with 9st 10lb.

On another competitive card at York today, Arabian Story (3.40) stands out in the Sun Life Of Canada Garrowby Handicap. He trotted up in the amateur riders' race at Epsom, and even allowing for the skill of his rider, Luis Urbano, the form looks reliable. A drop in distance can enable 2,000 Guineas second Even Top (3.10) to resume

York with form guide for the televised races

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Martin Thorpe finds the Loftus Road club's new owner already searching for a manager after Ray Willens' sudden resignation 💥

Graham and Rioch lead QPI

Rangers wanted list as they ek a replacement for Rav Wilkins after his shock resignation from the club. It is understood that the for-

mer England international,

EORGE Graham "I was absolutely shocked acrimony or recriminations some poor judgments in the managers will now be target transfer market, the team ed by Wright, the music and will head Queens Rangers chairman Chris Wilkins said: "I've been in have started this season well television emirepreneur who Rangers chairman Chris Wright. "We tried to persuade him to stay but his mind was

"Ray is a genuinely nice and caving person and his view was that for the benefit of him-self and what he wants out of life, and for the benefit of QPR only 10 days from me birthday, felt that the job of leading Rangers back to the be better for everybody if he moved on to something else.

for over 20 years and I can honestly say that this is the hardest situation I have ever

volved in professional football | and on Monday night he and the board even agreed a wanted list of new players.
"Ray left that meeting with

wish everyone associated with the club all the very, very best players we were going to target, knowing the funds were get, knowing the funds were said Wright. "Then Although Wilkins, in in place," said Wright. "Then charge at Loftus Road for 20 on Tuesday he said he wanted months, led Rangers to relet to leave."

bought Rangers for more than 210 million a month ago. As a lifelong Rangers supporter, too, he will be looking for someone to return the club to the Premiership as soon as

"We want to get the best possible person," said Wright, who added that an appoint-ment was unlikely by this

weekend after". However. Rangers will appoint a caretaker manager from their staff before Saturday's home Wilkins was or iginally relating to become a manager. He played down the prospect as he headed for his late thinties, and even pre ferred to move to Crystal Pal-ace as a player in November 1994 when he could have

taken a managerial job



with my family before reaching a decision." It could be a coaching job or a return to

Dozen face Hauge probe

Martin Thorpe

■WELVE current and former employees of Arsenal and Nottingham Forest will be question by Norwegian police investi-gating allegations of fraud against the controversial

agent Rune Hauge Among them is George Gra-ham, the former Arsenal manager who recently fin-ished a one-year FA han for accepting irregular payments

accepting irregular payments from Hauge totalling £425,000. He will be questioned about the sale of Pal Lydersen to Arsenal in 1991, a deal brokered by Hauge.

The Norwegians are also investigating another of Hauge's transfers, Alf Inge Haaland's move to Nottingham Forest in 1994. ham Forest in 1994.

Hauge has been charged, under Norwegian law, with obtaining £550,000 fraudulently from the two deals, plus tax evasion of £100,000. In pursuance of that, the Norwegian police have formally applied to the Home Office to speak to

12 witnesses in England Arnt Angell, senior public prosecutor of the Norwegian police department involved, the Okokrim, said yesterday: "There are 12 people we want to speak to, George Graham, Frank Clark and former and current people at Arsenal and Nottingham Forest."

He refused to name the other 10, but they are understood to be the Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood, the the chief executive Ken Friar. the former chief scout Steve Burtenshaw, the former For-est chairman Maurice Roworth, the current chair-man Fred Reacher, the for-mer manager Brian Clough, the former coach Ron Fenton, the current assistant manager Alan Hill and Haaland.

The Norwegian police have also been in discussions with the Fraud Squad in England, though the Fraud Squad said yesterday that they would consider launching their own investigation into the case only if a complaint or allegation were made. Under international law the

Home Office is unlikely to block the Norwegians request for interviews, but these will probably not take place until January. The transfers being investi-

gated have long caused con-cern. The FA's report into Graham's ban concluded that when negotiating with the Norwegian club Start over the purchase of Lydersen, "Mr Graham, despite having ITICE OI SOUU UUU WILL Hauge [the player's agent] ... negotiated at figures well under half that amount [with Start]. The eventual figure agreed at the meeting (with Start] was £215,000".

The report continued: "The lack of disclosure to Start or Arsenal of the true position does him [Graham] no credit." Finn Hansen, part of Start's negotiating team, later revealed that, under the deal, Hauge's Guernsey-based company Interclub received £810,000.

The FA report found "wholly unconvincing" Gra-ham's argument that the £425.000 he received from Hauge after the purchase of Lydersen and John Jensen — from the Danish club Brondby

-was an unsolicited gift.

Haaland's move to Forest was agreed in late 1992 but de-layed until January 1994. This time Hauge was acting for the Norwegian selling club Bryne, informing them that he had negotiated a fee of £150,000 with Forest for the

A spokesman for Hauge said yesterday: "Nothing has ever been proved that Rune Hauge had unlawful money dealings with English clubs."

Liverpool

lan Ross

TAN COLLYMORE is Scontemplating an uncer-tain future this morning despite starting last night's game at Coventry — as speculation mounts that his brief and tempestuous love affair with Liverpool is to end in

Only 14 months after emparking on what he described as a "big adventure" by join-ing the Merseyside club from Nottingham Forest for a then British record fee of £8.5 mil-lion, Collymore finds himself on a collision course with the club who saw fit to invest heavily in an enfant terrible.

To suggest that he has never really settled in the North-west is to miss the point. Since his transfer the England international has steadfastly refused to move or so miles south of

Since joining a club who have always demanded pro-fessionalism on and off the pitch, he has done precious little to endear himself to

Last week Collymore, a pocket wages of around £15,000 a week, missed one training session after saying he had to tend to his sick mother and another because he was spending time with his seven-month-old child.

Liverpool's manager Roy

Although Liverpool would quite in the way most had e to dispos their problem is twofold They do not have a suitable

Ian Rush to join Leeds United and they will struggle to convince any buyer that Collymore's valuation has not plunged since he left the City Ground.

The writing actually started to go on the wall for Collymore earlier this summer when Liverpool made determined, if discreet, attempts to sign Alan Shearer from Blackburn Rovers.

Shortly before Shearer was sold to Newcastle for a worldrecord £15 million, Liverpool let it be known that they were anxious to strike a deal but could not do so until Collymore had been offloaded. Evans is now searching for

a new partner for Robbie Fowler but his first choice, Newcastle's Les Ferdinand, is Barry Town have been given the go-ahead to install 3,500 additional seats at Jenner Park to take the capacity to 6,500 for the first leg of their Uefa Cup tie with Aber-

The SFA's disciplinary committee will meet on Mon-day to judge the case of Falkirk's Albert Craig and Partick Thistle's Gareth Evans. Craig was ordered off in a league game at Brockville last month and appeared to strike Evans en route to the dress-

Premiership: Arsenal 3, Chelsea 3

weary of Wise makes Collymore a late point

TTH Paul Merson inspired, Arsenai recovered from going 2-0 down to Chelsea at Highbury last night to draw level midway through the second half when Martin Keown rose high at the far post to head in from

By then Chelsea had lost Leboeuf from their defence with a back injury and the sweeper's absence made it easier for Ian Wright, only on the field for four minutes, to give Arsenal the lead 12 minutes from time when he gathered a pass from Winterburn before lobbing Kharine.

Dennis Wise then preserved Chelsea's unbeaten run, latching on to John Spencer's through-pass to hit an equal jury-time.

derby in four games always promised to be a more difficult encounter than their first, against a weakened West Ham side on the opening Saturday of the season. Not only were Chelsea unbeaten, they had yet to concede a goal.

Unlike Arsenal, moreover they were under a new manager who had actually turned up; or rather, in Ruud Gullit's case, never gone away. Arsène Wenger, on the other hand, remained just a gleam in Highbury's eye and any Evans has now seemingly thread of the endless string of excuses and will inform him that he must find himself a

> Hughes found Wise who pushed the ball past Bould before going down under the centre-back's challenge. Lahastened by Seaman's hamstring injury, was sent the wrong way by Leboeuf's

enalty. Arsenal and Highbury, not

done by. By Bould's standards the illegality of challenge had

not been that blatant. Yet as Wise just failed to put the ball on to the end of Vialli's lunging foot in the goalmouth and Di Matteo swept past Linighan in a blur of feet there was no doubting the worth of Chelsea's lead.

Merson represented Ar-senal's best hope of outwitting Leboeuf in his sweeper role. After 20 minutes he threaded a shrewdly-angled pass through the Chelsea defence but Parlour's touch was already letting him down as Myers closed in amid vain Highbury howls for a comple-

mentary penalty. Six minutes later Berg kamp, found near the lefthand byline by Merson's lob, skimmed the ball across the face of the goalmouth, missing three straining Arsenal ury-time. heads on the way. A second Arsenal's second London goal seemed likely. Chelsea scored it a minute past the

> Vialli, Burley sidestepped Winterburn's lunge before sending the Italian striker in to the right of goal with his return pass. Vialli's shot apeared to have been saved by ukic at the near post but the goalkeeper did not get his body behind the ball which then slipped underneath him

> Lukic did better five min-utes later to deny Hughes a goal from Petrescu's cross. The goalkeeper palmed the ball out and Winterburn blocked Vialli's attempt to ex-ploit the rebound.

it on the stroke of half-time Winterburn to Bergkamp, who then laid it off for Merson to drive a low shot into the left-hand corner.

Chalses Kharine; Johnson, Leboeuf, Clarke, Petrescu, Burley, Di Matteo, Wise,



Ball watching . . . Chelsea's Vialli and Arsenal's Bergkamp struggle to gain the upper hand

Everton 0, Aston Villa 1

Ehiogu delivers the goods | Fading Reds hold on

N THE basis that few teams will emerge victorious from Goodison Park this season, those who insist that Aston Villa are capable of sustaining a genuine push for the title may well have a point.

Admittedly Everton were uncharacteristically poor, but en route to a third consecu-tive league win Villa's footand, most significantly, effort-lessly delivered. On Merseyside there has

been much talk of Everton doing something more than flattering to deceive this sea-son. The jury is still out but few sides will match their prodigious work-rate in the corner goalwards only to

months ahead Indeed, it is watch disbelievingly as such a tiring tactic that few Wright cleared off the line. will wish to.

Villa tried and to a large extent succeeded, but their nest

and tidy game based on schoolyard keep-ball was always more of a threat. Villa's midfield cut through Everton's defence often and with apparent ease, but the task of delivering the telling blow was invariably handed to the wrong man.
Everton's best openings

came off the back of set pieces but, with the towering figure of Ferguson to pick out, that was inevitable The closest a frenetic open-

ing period came to yielding a goal was after 12 minutes when Speed rose magnifi-cently to turn a Hinchcliffe

If we had had a Russia linesman Villa might have led by the 51st minute. Having danced his way through a pack of defenders. Yorke uneashed a ferocious drive which struck the underside the crossbar before bouncing on to, or perhaps even over

Just as the game's impetus appeared to be fading Villa moved in front, Ehlogu converting from close range in the 62nd minute after Yorke headed down a Nelson cross. Everton: Southall; Barrett, Short Unsworth, Hinchclide, Kanchelskis, Grani Parkinson, Spied, Stuart (Rideout, 67ms)

Ferguson. Anton Villas Onkes: Nelson (Scin . Southgate, Wright. (Taylor, ??), Prepor.

Derby County 1, Manchester United 1

Mark Redding

HE one-point specialists were quick on the draw again last night as Derby County and Manchester United shared the honours for the third time each in their

opening four matches. United had been given a fillip when Uefa announced it had waived a suspension that would have prevented Can-tona playing in the Champi-ons' League at Juventus next week. The captain, it was decided, had already served the suspension when he missed United's Uefa Cup tie last season while his career was on tal Palace supporter. Yet Derby started and fin-

fore Laursen stepped in to show how it should be done. warmed a Derbyshire fast bowler's heart and lashed the

free kick into Schmeichel's top corner from 25 yards.

When May bundled Sturridge to the ground in the 24th minute, Laursen took a run-up that would have

United began to wake up and Giggs had a rasping drive tipped over by Hoult before a stunning piece of brilliance by the Welshman set up United's equaliser.
In the 36th minute Darryi

Powell lunged into a tackle and as the ball spun up Giggs back-heeled it into Beckham's path. The new England inter-

a sighting shot with a free | for goal before letting rip with kick that was deflected just | an unstoppable drive into the wide of Schmeichel's goal be | top of Hoult's net The second half began with a bang when Beckham and

Asanovic began kicking lumps out of each other. The referee defused a potential flare-up by booking the United winger. The Rams reacted as if they had been jabbed by a cattle prod and Schmeichel saved stinging shots from Dailly and Stur ridge. United, who had six of their players on World Cup duty at the weekend, were

Darby County: Hoult Rowett, Stitute Carbon, Laurein, C. Powett, D. Powell Asanovic, (Fyrm, 87min), Callly, Willern (Simpson, 20), Sarrvidge (Gabhladhi, 87), Stamothester Uniteds Schmeichel; G. Marville, May (Solablader, 73), Palistar

read Hauge's contract with Forest it showed that the Premiership club had paid £500,000 for Haaland, with £850,000 of that going to Interclub.

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R Way 107no). Dorby won by sight wickets.
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and 21-0. Middlesex won by 10 visiteds.

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isomen of the new eight-learn Superfea-gue, writes Vic Behtpather, "I's very acci-ing," said the Superfeague's, president. "The ned two years are critical," indeed, such was his excitament that he declared broself to be "president of the sport". He certainly has risine power than he set been able to exercise in rugby usion, another sport in which he has invested, he pointsoft gaid whole to the British los lockey Association, a ruling body pre-pared to attor the clubs a trill measure of self-determination.

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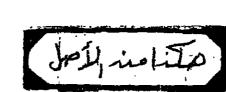
"But now in the revolution in sport, especially in professional sport, you can't live in the past. We've a saying in the North-east." If you live in the past, you die like next. competition. Attraces the Superiorgus has yet to find the own major spotsor, its Sport in brief

Rugby League Robbie Paul, the Bradford

Bulls scrum-half and captain, has signed a new four-year deal, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. He will also play union for Cycling The French riders Jacky Durand and Thierry Laurent have been banned for eight months after drug tests but can compete pending appeal.

Snooker The eighth qualifying round of the German Open started in Blackpool yesterday with players believing the winners payers beneving the winners would earn a trip to Osna-bruck, *urites Clice Everton*. Instead they visit Preston on Saturday week. Eurosport will commence German Open TV coverage from the last 16, so the WPBSA decided to start in Osnabruck on December 9,

two days later than planned.



Rugby Union

England's elite give clubs full support

Robert Armstrong

HE English game was plunged deeper into crisis yesterday as the elite international squad pledged their support to breakaway plans by the top clubs after boycotting a scheduled Rugby Football Union training session at

Bisham Abbey. Meanwhile Kate Hoey, the Labour MP for Vauxhall and a former front-bench spokeswoman on sport, urged the Government to intervene in the bitter dispute between the clubs and Twickenham which has prompted accusations that the players are being manipulated.

The 43 players selected by the RFU to make up the Eng-land squad issued a brief statement backing the plans of English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd (Epruc) to run its own league and cup meeting with the clubs at a from our club to stay away Heathrow hotel the players from England. We made our held their own talks during own decisions." which they consulted a senior partner at a law firm to ad-

vise them on their statement. "The England squad of 43 have shown their support for Epruc by attending the meet ing today," said the statement. "Having heard their [Epruc's] proposals, the England squad believe the best way forward for the game is to agree in principle with Ecruc's vision for the future. Epruc and the players have

take this rapidly forward." Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, was unable to say when the "joint team" of players and clubs would meet or scrum-half Kyran Bracken, who is a solicitor, is thought likely to be a candidate. Kerr added rather confusingly: "If you want to read into this that the England players have agreed to the breakaway, then fine."

Sir John Hall, an Epruc board member who owns the | Tuesday.

German

grudge

looming

HE stage is set for a spec-

tacular grudge match for

the 1997 world champion

ship now that Heinz-Harald

Frentzen is confirmed as

Damon Hill's successor at

The 29-year-old German will be keen to beat his tal-

ented team-mate Jacques

Villeneuve. He will be equally

eager to outpace Hill, no mat-

ter which car the Englishman drives next season. But most of all he will want to beat his

compatriot Michael Schu-

macher, who for many years

has been his most bitter rival

Frentzen's girlfriend Co-rinne Betsch left him to marry

Schumacher, who then mo-nopolised the limelight and be-

came the first German driver

to win a world championship.

That was in 1991, and he retained the title the following

on and off the track.

Williams next season.

battle

Alan Henry

Motor Racing

Newcastle club, said: "It is very satisfying to learn that all the players have bypassed the England session. We are all sticking together for the good of the game

However, the aborted training session prompted a terse reaction from the RFU, which registered "disappointment that the clubs have seen fit to use the players as a negotiat

ing weapon".

That view was endorsed by Tim Rodber, the Northampton captain, who said: "We are being used as pawns. We would rather be playing or training but there is so much going on that this meeting is necessary to find out our position."

The six Leicester players in the squad made a point of training together before the meeting. Martin Johnson, the club's England lock, ex-plained: "Keeping the work going is important to us. At least the Leicester boys have competitions and generate its | had a good session this mornown revenue. After their ing. There was no pressure

There are fears that the players' boycott will continue indefinitely and they will miss the next RFU squad ses-

sion on September 18. Iain Sproat, the Sports Minster, was urged at Westminster by Hoey to "knock some heads together" to settle the dispute. "Tough action must now be taken," said Hoey. 'This grave situation in English rugby cannot be allowed to continue.

"I call on Mr Sproat to take the lead urgently to preserve the good name of English sport. Those involved must remind themselves in the face of this rugby fiasco of their who would represent the national and international players, although the England responsibilities. Sports lovers and rugby followers in particular should not allow their sport to treat them in this

way."

Sale have appointed the marketing expert Howard Thomas as chief executive in succession to Brian Wilkinson, who was dismissed on

Betsch...femme fatale

Mercedes sports-car days as

every bit as quick as Schu-macher, has spent the past

three years struggling to

make an impression in the

cockpit of an uncompetitive

Sauber. His best placing was

third in last year's Italian GP at Monza. This year he has

twice finished fourth, in Mo-

naco and Spain, and lies 10th in the table with six points.

In confirming Frentzen's appointment, Frank Williams

yesterday paid full tribute to

the departing Hill's work over

the past four seasons. "Both

as a test and race driver he

has done an excellent job for us," he said. "I think his re-

cord speaks for itself. Very

few drivers have ever ap-

proached his record of 20

It is believed that Frentzen will be paid around £2.5 mil-

to the end of the 1987 season

favourite. Prost reckoned

Senna reneged on a no-pass-ing deal at the 1989 Monaco

Grand Prix, having the previous year tried to push him

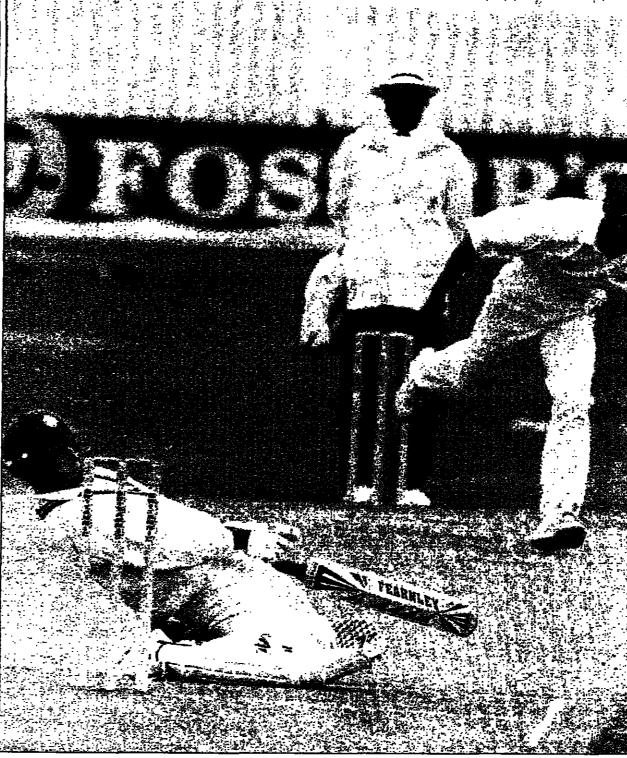
into the pit wall at Estoril

PROST v SENNA

wins in 64 starts.

retained the title the following lion a year on his two-year year before going to Ferrari. Frentzen, regarded in their demanded £8 million.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: DERBYSHIRE HELD UP ON THE ROAD TO THE TITLE



Surrey v Northamptonshire

Julian fills tricky foreign part

Paul Weaver at The Oval

A /HEREAS V V to Harrods to purchase an overseas player, Surrey have recently done their shopping from those scruffy "or nearest offer" ads in newsagents' windows. Their efforts to sign a have made a shrewd pur-replacement for Waqar chase in Brendon Julian, ounis evoke an image of Martin Scorsese popping down to Tooting Rep to find

a substitute for De Niro or This has resulted in Cam-

Warwickshire v Essex

WASIM KHAN was dropped off the last ball

of the day on Tuesday. It was

a miss which Essex were to

regret for more than four

hours yesterday as the left-

At the start of the season

Warwickshire had earmarked the 25-year-old Khan as the

man to fill the considerable

gap left by Roger Twose, whose career is now commit-

ted to New Zealand. Because of an injury to Moles and

Knight's call-ups for England,

however, the plan to give him an extended run at No. 3 has

Scoreboard

County Championship

Paul Fitzpatrick

hander made 126.

and Carl Rackemann pulling on the famous chocolate colours. These are names ters among members, some of whom, warming to the subject, will launch into stories about Tony Gray and Dirk Tazelaar. This season, however, Surrey who yesterday followed up his first-day century with six for 37, the best bowling figures of his career.

brose and Paul Taylor. While Yorkshire's and

A tale of three misses as Gooch sets out to eclipse Khan

not been implemented. This been envisaged when Ostler was only his fourth match there, but in two of them now first ball of the day to leave

art declined to enforce the the departures of Michael Bevan and Stuart Law, Surrey's has been enhanced overlook this ambling

Western Australian. Julian took three wickets as Northants struggled to 95 for six in reply to Surrey's 395, and then, just when the visitors looked likely to avoid the followon, he returned to dismiss David Ripley, Curtly Am-Northants were all out

for 235, 160 runs behind, Essex's championship chal- but in the event Alec Stew- before Julian's return.

them crumbling at 14 for four.

Penney, Brown, Piper and Smith all contributed to the

recovery but it was Khan who was the chief architect and

when he finally fell, caught by

the wicketkeeper off an inside

edge. Warwickshire could

look back with satisfaction on

two sessions of determined

cricket. They are not the

champions for nothing, even if the prize is out of reach this

That gave Warwickshire a first-innings lead of 15, a modest enough advantage but one which could not have at the close, was back to his bowler Smut back over in show head for six. The old boy, ever. In the finest weather of the match Graham Gooch, 58 at the close, was back to his ever.

LANCASHIRE V BIDOLESEX

The last session was not

Montgomerie had leg-glanced the first delivery of

nings for four but was caught at short leg next ball. Surrey, facing an inexperienced side, appeared rampant. Love was well caught by Butcher at slip, Swann played on, Curran was bowled by a Julian inswinger, Capel played straight to gully and Sales was caught at slip. Ripley (55) and Snape (36 not out) then put on 87 in 22 overs

rumbustious best as Essex

and they may yet rue those

misses more than Essex did the escape of Khan. Ostler, at

gully, failed to hold a sharp

chance when the former

England captain slashed at

Small when on 22; and

Gooch was only 38 when

Munton put down a second,

easier chance.
Gooch celebrated his for-

tune by hitting the unlucky

bowler Smith back over his

Grayson.

supervised Nottinghamshire's resistance, it was difficult to determine who was bearing the weightier load. Nottinghamshire, Sunday frivolities apart, have had a mediocre time during Johnson's first season in charge.

and a limited side has done little over the first two days to suggest that they are equipped to halt Leicestershire's championship challenge. Leicestershire's first in-

built a lead of 98 for the loss of Warwickshire twice taker made vigilant hundreds, allowed Gooch to escape and at 341 for five at the close they held a lead of 17.

Nott's Newest Free House — it was more a case of just dotting

tudes become negative and Afford passed the day bowling his left-arm spin over the wicket. With his close-cropped hair, awkward gait and rigorous spectacles he resembles a Marxist-Leninist mature student who has concluded, with reluctance, that

ESSEX
Second inmings
'G A Gooch not out
A P Grayson c Piper b Brown
Hussan not out
Extras (b1, lb1, w2).....

Fall of wicket 77.
To bet P J Prichard, J J B Lawis, R C Irani, RJ Rollins, M C Iloti, N F Williams, A P Cowan, P M Such.
Rowling: Small 6-0-41-0; Munton 6-1-13-0; Brown 7-2-22-1; Smith

7-0-35-0. Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews. Woroestert Sussex (4pts) need 173 ruts to evoid an innings defeat against Worces-jershire (8) with all their second-innings wekets standing. USSEX: First innings 219.

Old not belt A Sherryar. Score at 120 owers. 7-388. Bowling: Orakes 37-9-123-3; Kirtley 30-7-112-2; Law 21-4-57-2; K Newell 30-18-0; Salubury 24-16-60-2; Green-lield 5-1-11-0; Lenham 4-0-13-0. SUSSEX Second Innings N J Lenham not out

Somerset v Derbyshire

Lathwell knock jogs a few old memories

against the county be had left without much apparent

Derbyshire's total was their

highest ever against Somer-set. Krikken, with 13 fours and surviving a slip chance, buzzed along for 89. Roberts, a

debutant left-hander from the

Bradford League, reached a half-century before departing

to a leaping one-handed catch in the covers by Batty.

Bowler. Caddick and Kerr

took three wickets each but Somerset have nothing to play for — and it shows.

Derbyshire, in contrast, have a great deal for which to strive. Their calculations were temporarily clouded by

Somerset's reply. They are,

however, revealing faith in untried talent and it does not

Harris produced pace and promise on a tepid pitch and

earned, to some surprise from

the batsman, Bowler's wicket

Roberts completed some tidy

overs and put an end to

Ecclestone's stay.
Somerset at 238 for four

have yet to avoid the follow-

appear to be misplaced.

David Foot at Taunton

HERE was once a Devon schoolboy called Mark
Lathwell. He was small
and devoid of emotion and
possessed an attractive penchant for stroking boundaries
with an instinctive rapidity
that reminded Tauntonians of
Harold Gimblett His initial county statistics

were so impressive that de-spite a refreshingly unpreten-tious demeanour and what At times, it must be said, Somerset bowled and fielded with what seemed like their hearts in their boots. Van Troost is likely to be out for some opined to be a lack of ambition, he was chosen to play for his country.

play for his country.

That was when the pundits started to find fault, saying these were available to that his feet were wrongly po-sitioned and that he had neither the technique nor the temperament to be a genuine

temperament to be a genuine England player. Lathwell, who one suspects prafers the less frenetic pur-suit of playing darts in his vil-lage pub, and appears to keep his grichating agrications in his cricketing aspirations in a disguised, modest perspective, scored only 737 champi-onship runs last season and was dropped.

He has retained his place this summer, and passed 1,000 runs with his 109 in this fixture, his first championship hundred of the year.

There were 20 boundaries and the kind of composure, vigilance and alertness for a forcing shot that character-ised his erstwhile days of infinite promise.

While he built his innings and Somerset responded defi-antly to newly top-of-the-table Derbyshire's formidable total of 524, first Trescothick -eventually taken down the leg side — and Bowler progressed In Bowler's case there were

on. The weather has im-proved and with it, Derbyshire hope, their title Lancashire were set only 130 to secure their first home

win of the season when they dismissed Middlesex for 231 in the second innings yesterday. but Tufnell had Gallian leg-before and Crawley caught after Johnson trapped Titchard legbefore. Lancashire resume on psychological points to make two for three.

That belief might have been

abandoned in the opening

overs after lunch when he

was refused an appeal for a leg-side catch. Noon held the

ball in mid-pitch for at least

five seconds before getting on with the game, suspecting

tempt had been marked down

Afford's failure to hold a

high return catch when Whi-taker had made only three

more runs hardly enhanced

his mood, and a grudging con-test developed. Whitaker, who

has combined adventurous

strokeplay and empathetic captaincy in his most satisfy-

ing season since he won Eng-

land recognition almost a decade ago, won this contest, his

unbeaten 116 occupying

Kent's second XI are increas-

ingly hard to understand. His late development, at 31, comes

at an age when Australians

plan retirement, and if he be-

comes an unlikely member of

England's A tour this autumn

taken for the scorer. His four-hour 119, blessed

with some lusty pulls, ensured that Nottinghamshire's

seamers failed to prosper.

Evans was hampered by a hip

strain but Dowman's medium

Wells's lost seasons in

nearly five hours.

for artistic impression.

Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

Whitaker shows up frayed Notts

David Hopps at Trent Bridge | rigorous exercise is philo-

HEN the heavily pregnant Jackie Johnson strolled around the boundary yesterday as her husband Paul

nings has gone so according to plan that it might have been played out on computer. The pitch remained sluggish but reliable, Wells and Whi-

In the land of the aberrant apostrophe — nearby delights include the Old Track's and Nott's Named Track's and the i's and crossing the t's.

When times are hard, atti-

pace at least brought him something to savour: Wells's slice to cover point and Smith's return catch gave him his maiden first-class

● Hampshire's 19-year-old seamer Dmitri Mascarenhas took six for 88 against Glamorgan at Southampton despite having three catches dropped, the best bowling performance this century by a Hampshire player on his

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MANSELL v PIQUET

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1986/87 NELSON PIQUET saw Nigel Mansell as a journeyman brought in as his No. 2 at Williams; the Englishman regarded Piquet as a simper-

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Senna rammed him off the track in Japan in 1990 after Prost's switch to Ferrari. HILL v SCHUMACHER

man the title.

1994/95 MICHAEL SCHUMACHER, then with Benetton, reckoned Damon Hill was not up to the ob of Williams No. 1. Their

collision in the 1994 Austra-

lian Grand Prix gave the Ger-

when both men left the team. 1988/89 AYRTON SENNA thrived on tension and conflict at McLaren, undermining Alain

Prost's position as the team Total (ict 4, 73 cvers) 238
Fall of wickets: 75, 194, 198, 231
Bowling: Malcolm 19-3-64-1; DeFreitas
15-2-65-0; Cork 14-5-48-1; Harris
11-4-31-1, Roberts 14-5-28-1
HAMPSHIRE: v GLASORIGAN
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CLAMORGAN
First Innings (overnight 229-5)
A D Shaw b Mascarenhas
D A Cosker b Mascarenhas
R D B Croft b Maru
S L Watter run out
O 7 Parkin not out
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res or security 153 1/8.

Bewling: Walkin 7-0-23-0; Gibsor 10-1-58-0; Parkin 11-3-30-0; Crol 15-4-21-2, Coaker 13-4-58-0.

he has made a hundred.

satisfaction.

side's 253.

The first represented a sig-

nificant contribution to an

emphatic victory over Dur-ham. This one, though, will

probably give him the greater

It was made on a problem-

atic pitch which continued to

offer encouragement to seam and spin. When Khan was last

out, having hit 16 fours and a

six, he had contributed a frac-

tion under 50 per cent of the

first-innings lead of 15, a modest enough advantage but

SURREY v NORTHAMPTONEHIRE
The Oval: Surrey (2015) lead Northamp
tonshire (5) by 242 runs with nine first
innings wickels standing.

Total (82 overs) 235
Palt 4, 21, 27, 84, 88, 95, 144, 231, 235
Bowlings M P Bicknell 14-3-58-2; Lewis 15-1-60-2; Benjamin 14-1-48-0; Julian 13-5-37-6; Hollioske 5-0-22-0; D J Bicknell 1-1-0-0.
SURKEN'S Second Innings
D J Bicknell not out 28
M A Buscher C & D Ambrosse 37
†G J Kersey not out 4
Extras (lb6, w1, nb6) 13 82 Bowling: Ambrose 12-8-14-1 Taylor 7-4-9-0: Capel 6-1-30-0 Penberthy 7-1-22-0 Snape 3-2-1-0.

R Brown b Elworthy \ Shah b Keed

LANCASHIRE v BIDDLESEX
Old Trafford: Lancashire (50ts) aced 127
runs to beal Middlesex (4) with seven second-innings wickets standing.
REIDDLESEXC First innings 150 (Wastinson 5-15, Martin 4-31).
LANCASHIRE
First Imnings (overnight: 175-7)
P J Martin libw b Tutnell 42
TJ J Hawyes c Gatting b Tufnell 45
Total (109.3 count) Total (109.3 overs) 324
Sowling: Miline 20-4-66-1: Parsona
24.3-6-78-1; Simmons 28-7-54-3; Wells
10-4-2-0; Brimson 15-3-52-1; Pierson
14-2-31-3 First Imaings
V J Wells c Baies b Dowman 119
D L Maddy c Archer b Baies 28
J J Whitaker not out 116
B f Smith c & b Dowman 24

Total flor 5. 103 overs) 341
Pall of wickstes 61, 228, 282, 267, 327
Te batt 6 d Persons, D J Millina, A R K
Pierson, M T Brimson.
Bewilnigs Evans 12—4-23—0: Bowsn
20-3-31-1: Tollay 14-2-59-0; Bales
20-1-79-1: Afford 23-4-85-1: Dowman
14-3-43-5

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KEEGAN'S MEN GIVE SUNDERLAND A GOAL START AND COME AWAY WITH A WIN STIKE THEATS

Premiership: Sunderland 1, Newcastle 2

Ferdinand leads the Newcastle fightback

Michael Walker

HE last-ever Tyne & Wear League Derby to be played at Roker Park ended in despair for the Rokerites last night. They saw their side take an early lead against an apparently feeble Newcastle side only for those arch-rivals to summon the spirit of old in the second half.

Peter Beardsley and Les Ferdinand led a dramatic fightback with goals that cancelled Scott's penalty and ended Sunderland's unbeaten

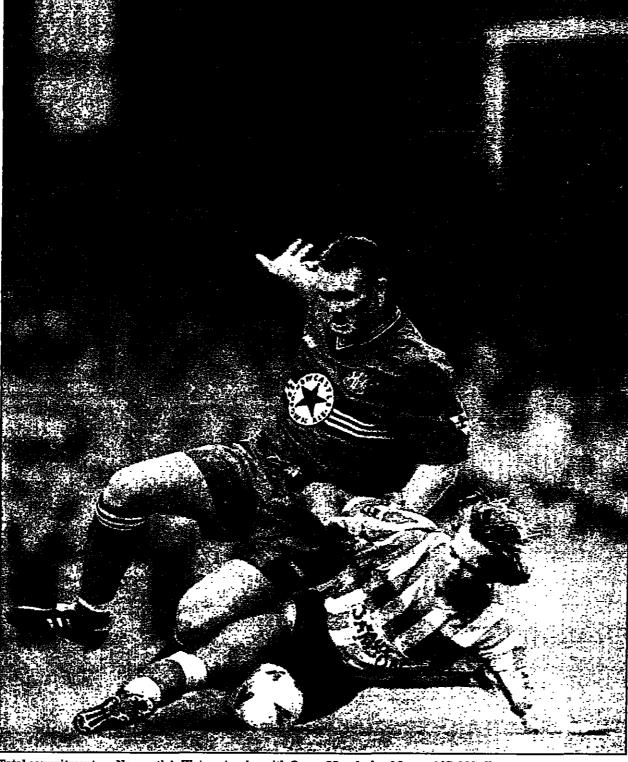
Bite as well as brilliance was Kevin Keegan's rallying call and he brought in Peacock to supply the former in place of Albert, the elegant Belgian. The Newcastle manager also relegated Asprilla to the bench, preferring the more traditional virtues of Beardsley to those of the flamboyant Colombian.

Newcastle fans may have been banned from the first meeting of the clubs in more than three years, but a wall of noise was nevertheless heard from the Fulwell End. Bite frantic opening, but there was still room for moments of good football, particularly from the

The Sunderland back four were neat in possession while Ball and Bracewell were but comfortable in midfield. A series of red attacks flowed towards Srnicek's goal, and it took less than 20 minutes for Newcas-tle's rearranged defence to succumb to the persistent Keegan had brought back

Peacock to combat Niall Quinn's height, but the danger came from what is known as "old-fashioned wing play". Wing backs are all the rage, and when the best are talked about Steve Agnew's name when he collected Ball's pass in the 19th minute he knew the script word for word.

Running at the exposed El liott, Agnew dropped his left shoulder, angled right and was clipped on the way. Penaltv. There was no arguing with the decision, nor with the penalty kick, rammed home in emphatic style by Sunder-land's talented left-back Mar-



was the most necessary | Newcastle had barely got go sions they did threaten they nation early. Ginola fre-only to double back, and as a requirement of a predictably ing and on the sporadic occa-appeared to run out of imagi-quently ran past a defender result Shearer and Ferdinand

were almost unemployed. More significantly Newcastle one-on-one situations, and the Roker men had chances to ex-tend their lead when Stewart hit a post and Gray cracked a

shot straight at Srnicek. Someone must have had a word with Ginola at half-time about his profligate approach work, because the Frenchman was immediately more direct after the interval and Newcastle were now galvanised.

The Frenchman's high cross found Ferdinand at the far post but the England striker was penalised for a foul as he challenged the goalkeeper Tony Coton. Six minutes later Ferdinand took a leaf from Ginola's book. He zipped past a clutch of red shirts and showed Velcro-tight control before crossing to Beardsley. whose header looped slowly into the net. The ball sailed in as if in slow motion but it crept in all the same.

The visitors had rediscov-ered their menace and 10 minutes later they were deservedly ahead. Ferdinand was again the key, this time reaching Ginola's fizzing cor-ner kick to score from 10 yards with the most decisive of flying headers. The corner had been conceded after a mistake by Ord and it was the tenacity of Shearer that had

nothing new under the sun



Frank Keating

NGLAND players going on strike and refusing to train for their = country? Bolshevism in sport? Dammit, whatever next? As usual there is nothing new under the sun. The rugby union squad's

solidarity was mighty impressive when the England man-ager Jack Rowell and his coaches turned up yesterday and found they had only Bisham Abbey's flowerbeds to line up and shout at. The strike by the England cricket team was far less solid. It happened almost a century ago, so although the

rugby boys may feel militantly defiant this morning they are way off the pace. On the morning of England's final Test against Australia on August 10 1896, the Kennington throng had been shoehorned in. But before the teams had changed in the professionals' room at The Oval. almost half the side offered the MCC and the selectors an ulti-matum: double their £10

match fee to £20 or they would not take the field. The strike threat came from five true greats: four Surrey players, Bobby Abel, Tom Richardson, Tom Hayward and George Lohmann, and Nottinghamshire's William Gunn, uncle of John and George and co-founder of the

bat-making firm. The legendary sporting mandarin and Surrey secre tary was Charles Alcock and what career threats - or financial inducement --- he offered to three of his men can only be imagined, but Abel, Richardson and Hayward finally agreed to take the field.

Lohmann and Gunn stood their ground. Lohmann, one of England's finest bowlers, never played a Test match again. Gunn played only once more — three years later when Nottinghamshire insisted that the local hero play in the 1899 Test at Trent Bridge for 'gate" necessities.

The five rebels had pointed out that their allegedly amateur captain, Dr W G Grace, was earning more than £20 for the match. Grace just sneered at them and strode out to hat. A E Stoddart - also a rugby international, as it happens —

knew he was earning good money from the game and em-barrassed, withdrew that morning in a sort of solidarity suddenly developing a "streaming cold".

Alcock combined his summer job at The Oval with the secretaryship of the Football Association. So his autocracy was practised by the time League soccer's fledgling Play. ers' Union threatened to strike in 1909. That was about money too, but also about the feudal retain-and-transfer system. The strike failed when only 45 players dared vote for it after the clubs and the FA

threatened life bans. Two legendary players of their time, Charlie Roberts and Billy Meredith, had tried to inspire it and when it failed Roberts wrote: "I know of no class of workpeople who are less able to look after them-selves than footballers. They are like a lot of sheep. They do not see the union stands for those in need of help. He is a wretched, miserable fool who cannot see what is good for himself and the working man of Great Britain."

T WAS more than half a century before another strike call — by Jimmy Hill of the Professional Footballers' Association —

allowed some semblance of sense and fairness into professional soccer. Rugby union's action must be seen as neces sary as well as sound in princi-ple; the workers are making sure of their clout and muscling in first with their retaliation. If they didn't it might take a century to sort out.

Wimbledon had its tennis strike a quarter of a century ago. It ensured not only an English semi-finalist in Roger Taylor but a new breed of nonshamateur cannon-fodder millionaires. Grand prix motor racers were already the latter; their occasional threats of withholding labour have been on the ground of track safety.

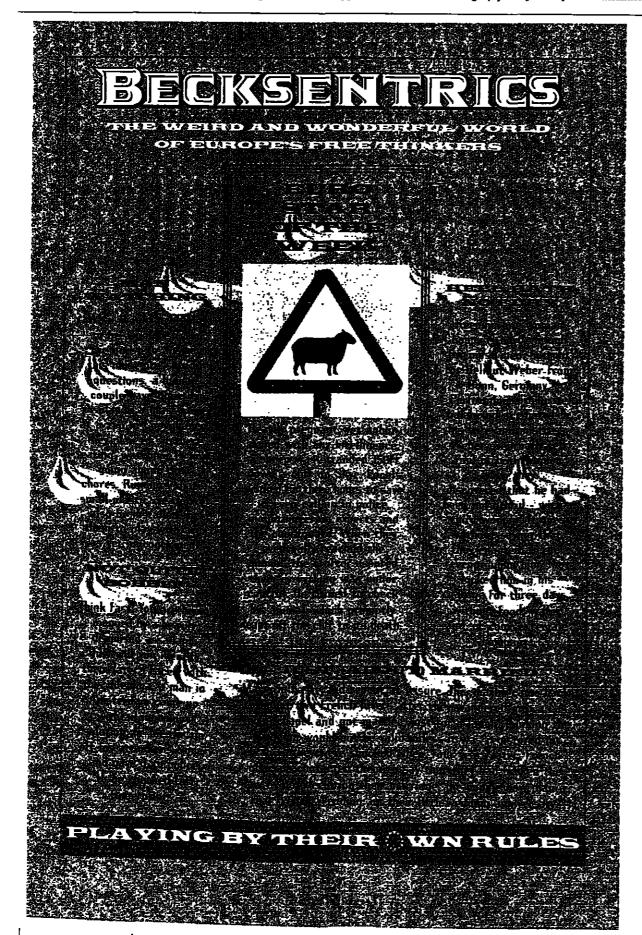
What may niggle at the England rugby squad this morning may allow Twickenham to pick a new team of non-sign tories to the coup. Just as Packer's rebels let in Botham, Gower, Gooch and Gatting

Just as, at The Oval in 1896. Lohmann's action let in J T Hearne to take 10 wickets. And, in Gunn's place, Hampshire's Indian Army captain E G Wynard; he batted at No. 7 and made 10 and three.

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By all accounts his Raj susceptibilities were strained when the Indian Prince Ranji leaned across to share his grapes at lunch. It was Wynard's solitary home Test.



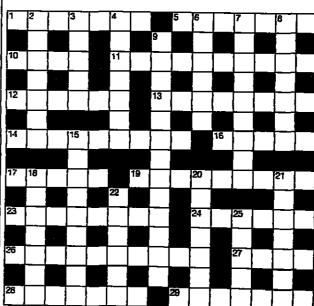
Claims have been made on behalf of cookery, of science, even of golf. Now, though, the question has to be asked: could it be that rock'n'roll

David Runciman

is the new rock'n roll?

Guardian Crossword No 20,750

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<u>Across</u>

- 1 Lands one with cat-food (7) 5 Where intellect is needed to grasp Information Technology (7)
- 10 Fixed stake over volcano (4) 11 Unreasonable share in rail flotation (10) 12 Got to include one by this
- artist! (6) 13 Where planes may land to find bearings on voyage (3-5) 14 Short on capital for car
- accessory (9) 16 Departure from course
- conditions (5) 17 Deviation from the normal
- play (5) 19 Engages the attention of those standing to gain (9)
- 23 Inclination to write music (8) 24 Author having a go at verse (6)

26 Vandalised phone-boxes

- foreigners might be wise to shun (10) 27 Bring some back in vehicle (4) 28 Convenient opportunity to
 - make garland secure (7) 29 Properties In Eastern countries (7) Down
 - 2 Window in the French upper
 - 3 General allowance (5) 4 Where to come a cropper over oil (7)
 - 6 Going round to the club perhaps (6) 7 Engine to show how tote works? (3-6)
 - 8 One who might well take over first class in Latin? (7) 9 Equipment for divers about to engage in ablutions

underground (9,4)

15 Guides for film-makers (9) 18 Go first or quietly draw back

20 Lays bare former attitudes

21 Row involving caterer (7) 22 Stout female's parent (6) 25 Run for late edition (5) Solution tomorrow

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